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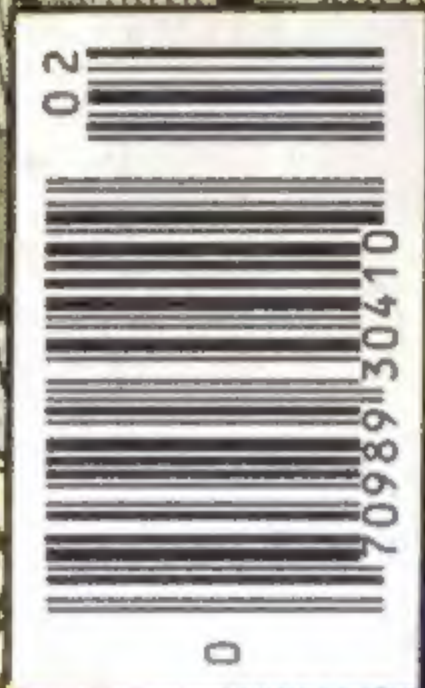
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IS THE MAN WHO HAS  
SO OFTEN SAVED  
METROPOLIS  
ABOUT TO  
DESTROY  
IT?



# BAT MAN

## AND SABLE LADY

GOTHAM CITY SLUMBERS PEACEFULLY UNDER THE STARS. ALL IS QUIET ON THE BATCOMPUTER WHEN SUDDENLY!!!!

HOLY SIRENS, BATMAN, BURGLAR ALARMS ALL OVER THE CITY... ALL AT ONCE.

EVERYWHERE BUT FUR PLAZA, ROBIN.

YOU THINK? ??????

RIGHT!!! SOME EVIL GENIUS IS AFTER THOSE FURS AND THOUGHT HE OR SHE COULD DECOY US AWAY.

HMMM. MY LOVVVVELY LOVVVVELIES! YOU'LL BE MINE, ALL MINE!

SUFFERING SABLES, BATMAN! THE MINK MARAUDER!

ALIAS SABLE LADY. SHE CERTAINLY HAS GREAT TASTE!

BUT HOW DO WE TURN THE SABLES, I MEAN, TABLES ON HER?

WE'LL USE THAT GREAT TASTE OF HERS TO TRAP HER.

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THAT'S GIVING IT TO HER ON THE OLD CHINCHILLA!!!!

HOSTESS CUP CAKES. OOOOH, RICH! DEEP! CHOCOLATY! I LOVVVE FURS. BUT I LOVVVE THIS DELICIOUS DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE. RICH, CHOCOLATY ICING! THAT CREAMED FILLING! IRRESISTIBLE!

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ROCKETED AS A BABY FROM THE EXPLODING PLANET KRYPTON, KAL-EL GREW TO MANHOOD ON EARTH--WHOSE YELLOW SUN AND LIGHTER GRAVITY GAVE HIM FANTASTIC SUPER-POWERS! IN THE CITY OF METROPOLIS, HE POSES AS MILD-MANNERED TV NEWSMAN CLARK KENT--BUT BATTLES EVIL ALL OVER EARTH--AND BEYOND--AS...

# SUPERMAN

Created by  
JERRY SIEGEL &  
JOE SHUSTER

ORBITING ENDLESSLY 22,300 MILES ABOVE EARTH IS THE EVER-VIGILANT JUSTICE LEAGUE SATELLITE--A VIGIL MANNED BY A REGULAR ROTATING ROSTER OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROES...

ONE MORE HOUR TO GO...AND THIS BORING SHIFT IS OVER!

ON DUTY THIS TIME--THE GREATEST HERO OF THEM ALL...

STILL, I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A DAY WITHOUT ONE MAJOR CRISIS OR CATASTROPHE TO KEEP ME HOPPING!

I KNOW WHAT MY TROUBLE IS--

--AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO SIT BACK AND RE--

COOOOFFFFF!

CRAAAAASHHH!

THE GARGANTUAN FIST TEARS THROUGH THE REINFORCED STEEL FLOOR LIKE IT WAS TINFOIL--ATTACKING WITH SAVAGE FURY FROM THE COMPARTMENT BELOW! BUT THIS WRENCHING DISPLAY OF VIOLENCE-IN-SPACE IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF...

# AMAZOS BIG BREAKTHROUGH!

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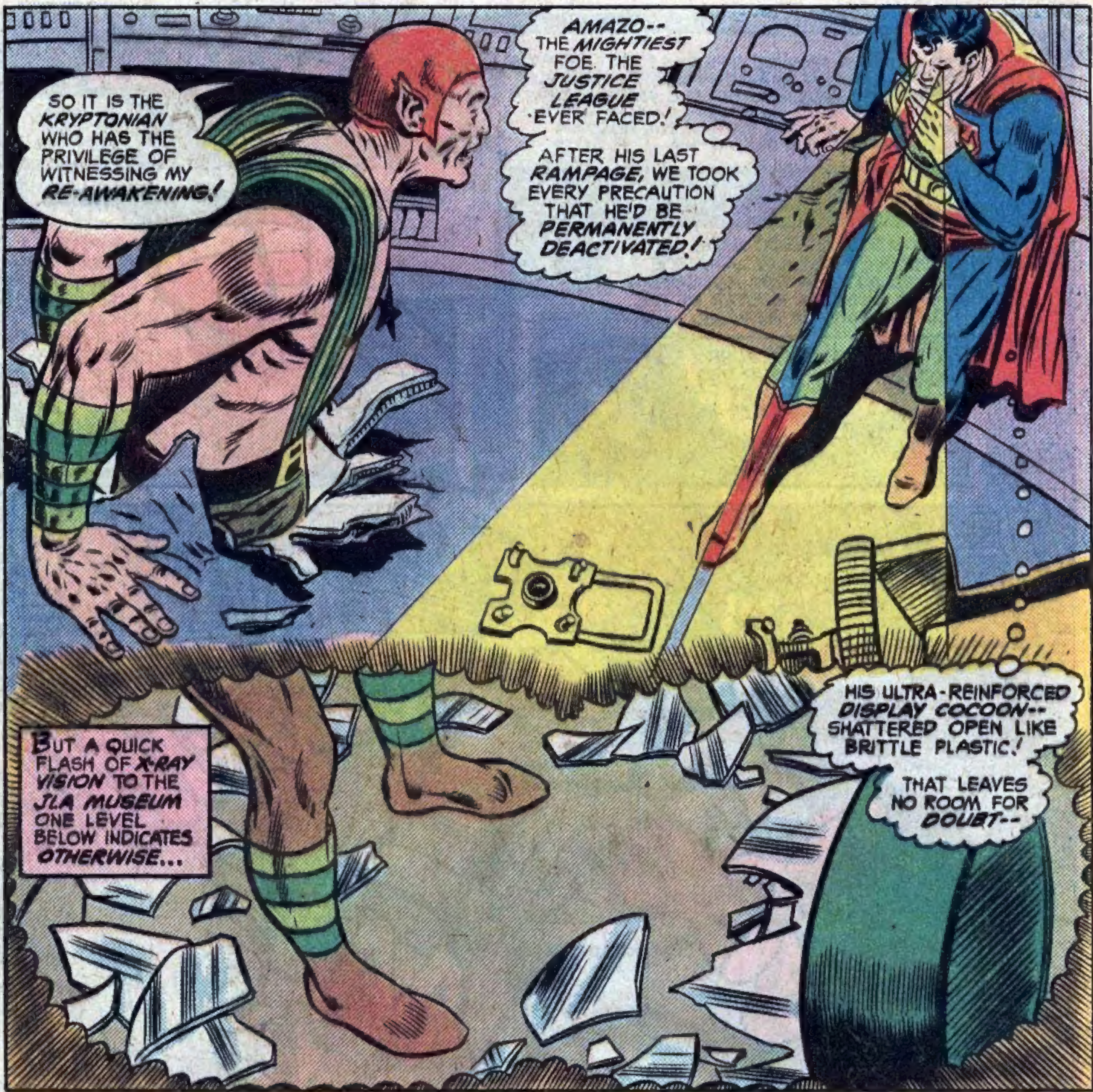
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SO IT IS THE KRYPTONIAN WHO HAS THE PRIVILEGE OF WITNESSING MY RE-AWAKENING!

AMAZO-- THE MIGHTIEST FOE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE EVER FACED!

AFTER HIS LAST RAMPAGE, WE TOOK EVERY PRECAUTION THAT HE'D BE PERMANENTLY DEACTIVATED!

BUT A QUICK FLASH OF X-RAY VISION TO THE JLA MUSEUM ONE LEVEL BELOW INDICATES OTHERWISE...

HIS ULTRA-REINFORCED DISPLAY COCOON-- SHATTERED OPEN LIKE BRITTLE PLASTIC!

THAT LEAVES NO ROOM FOR DOUBT--

--AND NO ROOM FOR AN OUT-AND-OUT FIGHT... NOT WITHOUT SHATTERING OUR JLA SATELLITE INTO A MASS OF FLOATING SPACE-JUNK!

GETTING THIS GIANT ANDROID BACK ON THE INACTIVE LIST WON'T BE EASY--



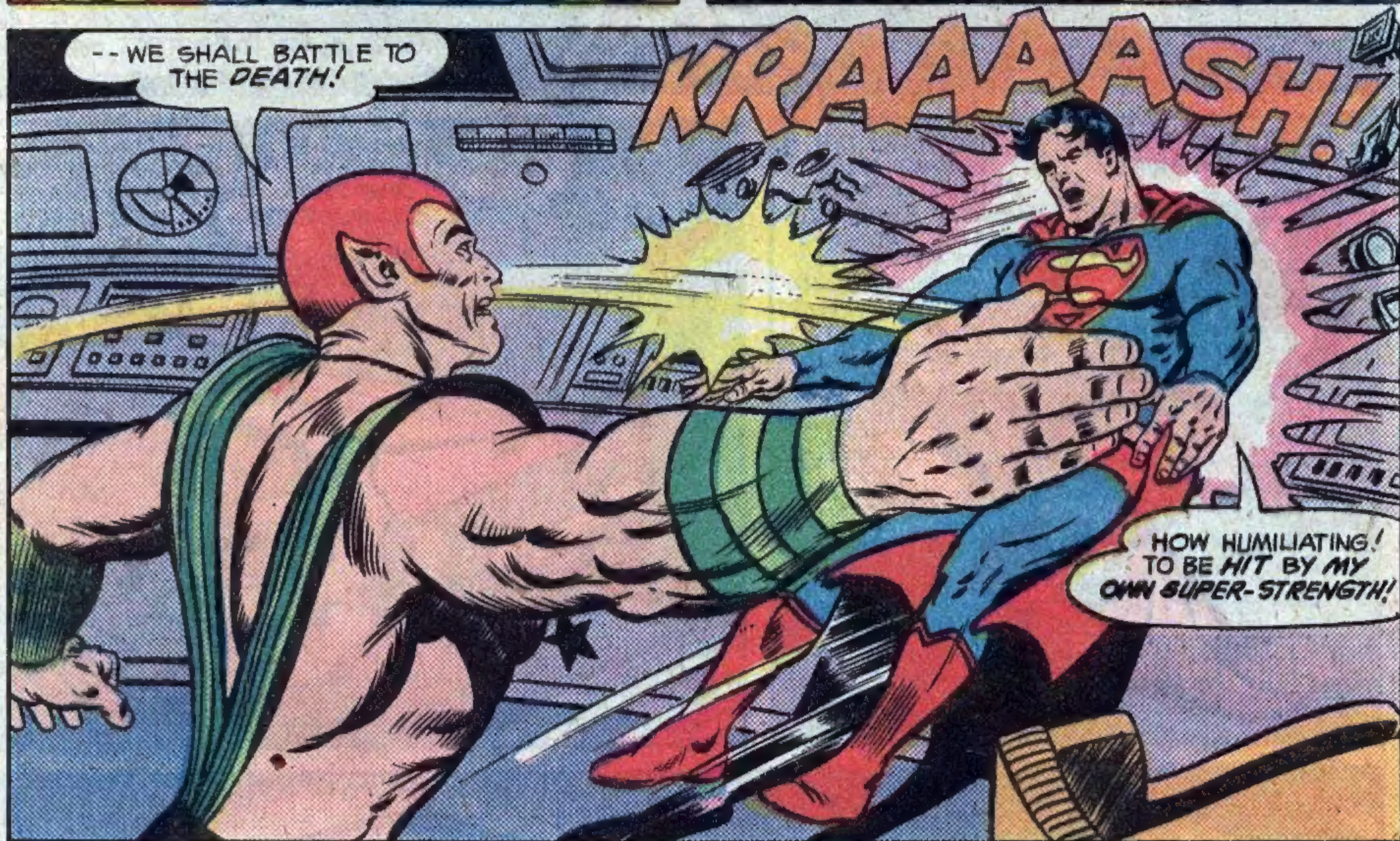


-- HE POSSESSES ALL THE POWERS OF EVERY JLA MEMBER-- INCLUDING ME!

YOU MAY FIND THIS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE, MAN FROM KRYPTON--

-- BUT MY RESURRECTION IS EVEN MORE A SURPRISE TO ME THAN IT APPARENTLY IS TO YOU!

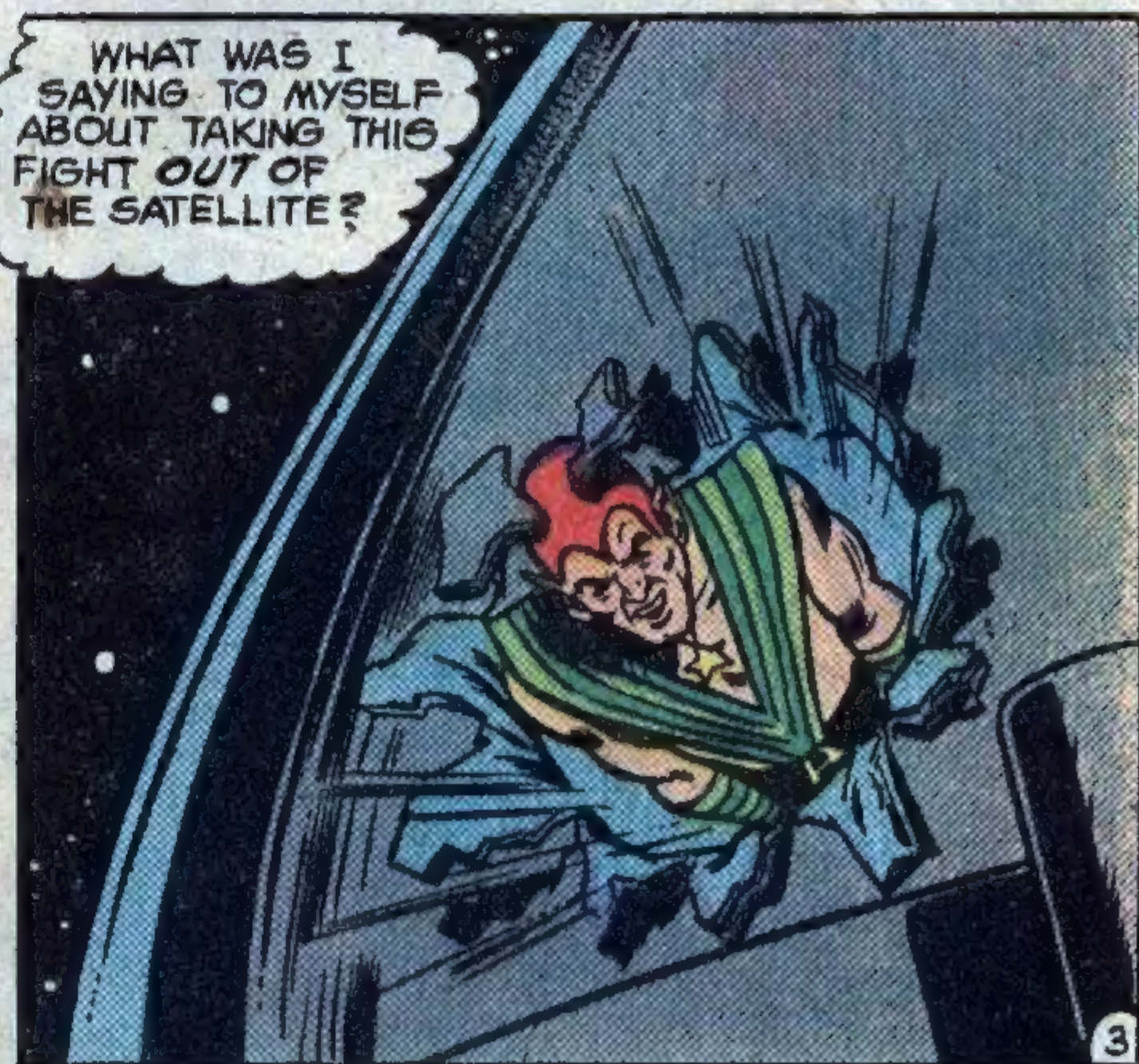
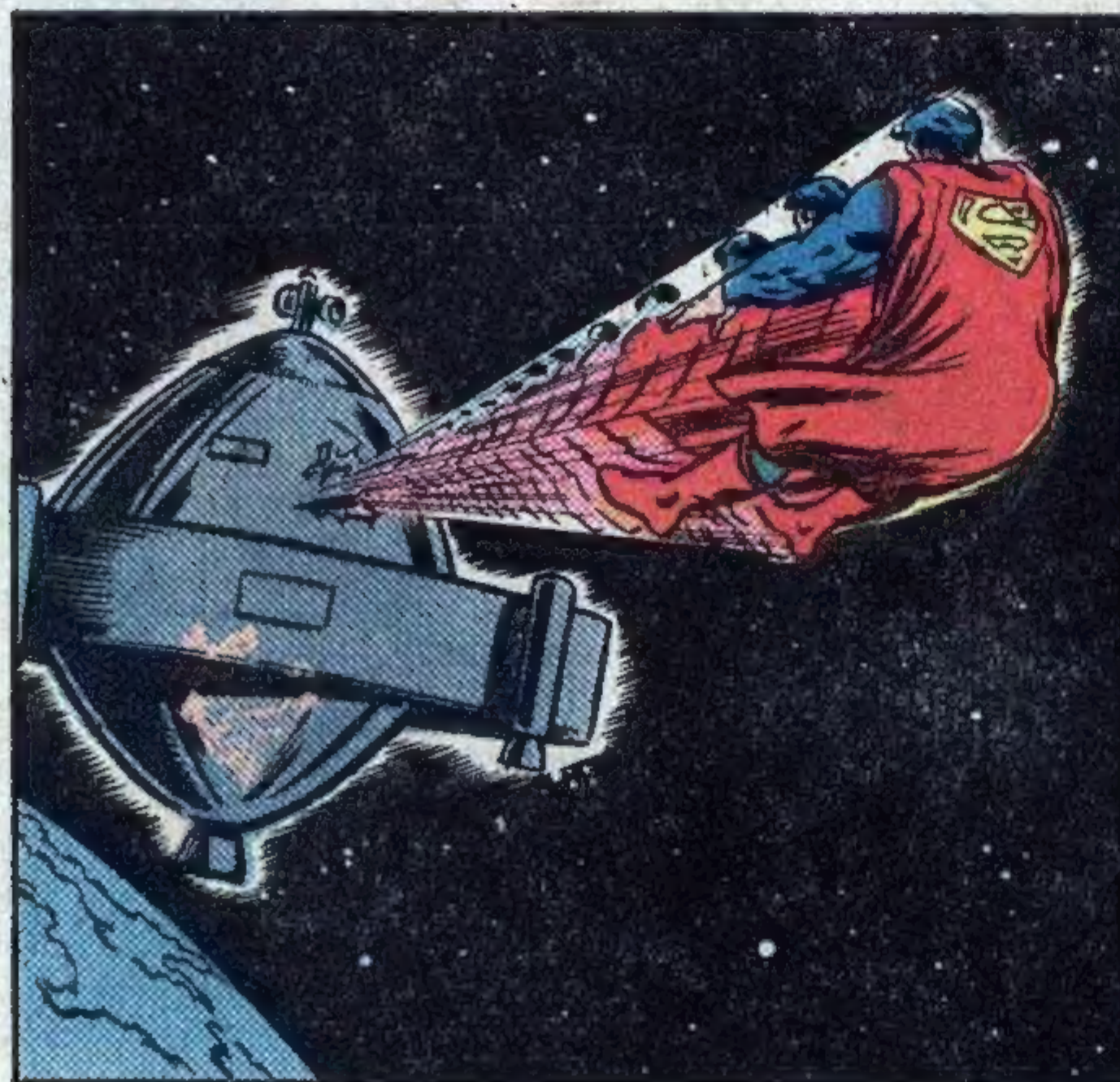
BUT AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN ACTIVATED-- AND THE TWO OF US ARE BITTER ENEMIES--



-- WE SHALL BATTLE TO THE DEATH!

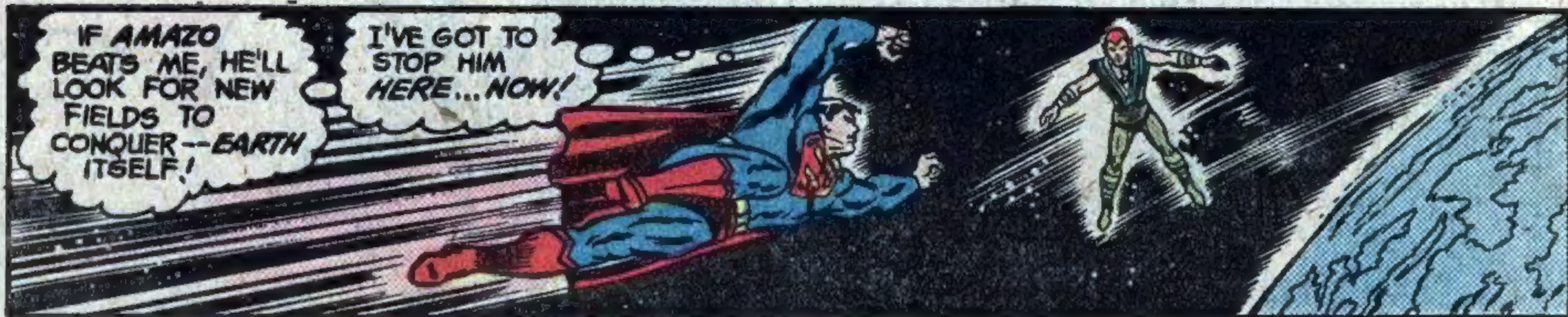
KRAAAAASH!

HOW HUMILIATING! TO BE HIT BY MY OWN SUPER-STRENGTH!



WHAT WAS I SAYING TO MYSELF ABOUT TAKING THIS FIGHT OUT OF THE SATELLITE?





IF AMAZO BEATS ME, HE'LL LOOK FOR NEW FIELDS TO CONQUER--EARTH ITSELF!

I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM HERE...NOW!



I APPRECIATE YOUR DESPERATE EFFORTS, SUPERMAN! AFTER BEING DORMANT FOR SO LONG, I AM IN NEED OF THE EXERCISE!

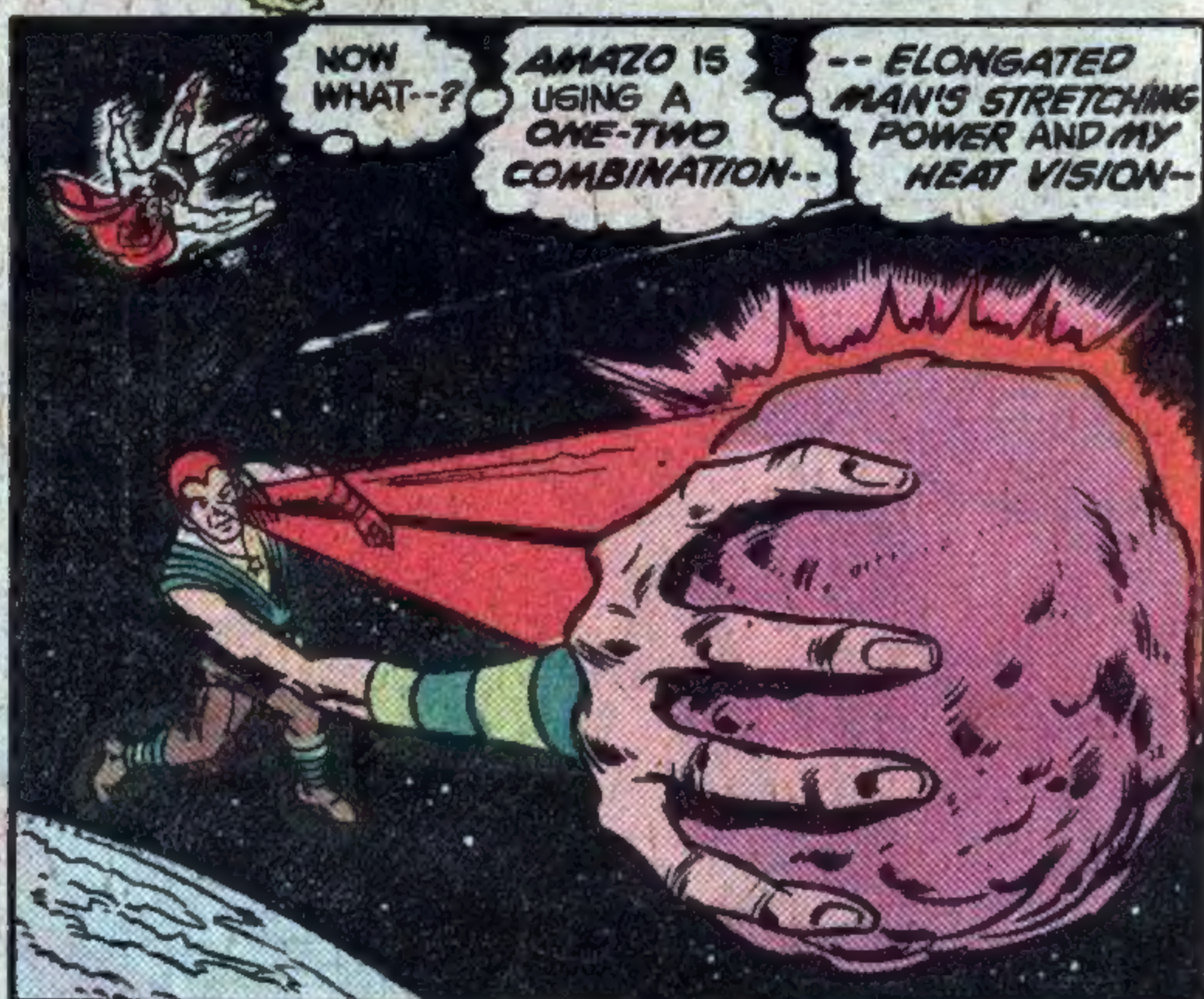
CAN'T EVEN MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM! HE'S DUPLICATED GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING AURA TO PROTECT HIM!



SOMETHING STRANGE GOING ON HERE!

I'VE COME UP AGAINST GL'S POWER-BEAM ENERGY BEFORE... BUT IT'S NEVER KNOCKED ME FOR A LOOP LIKE THAT WITHOUT CREATING KRYPTONITE RAYS--AND I FELT NONE OF THOSE!

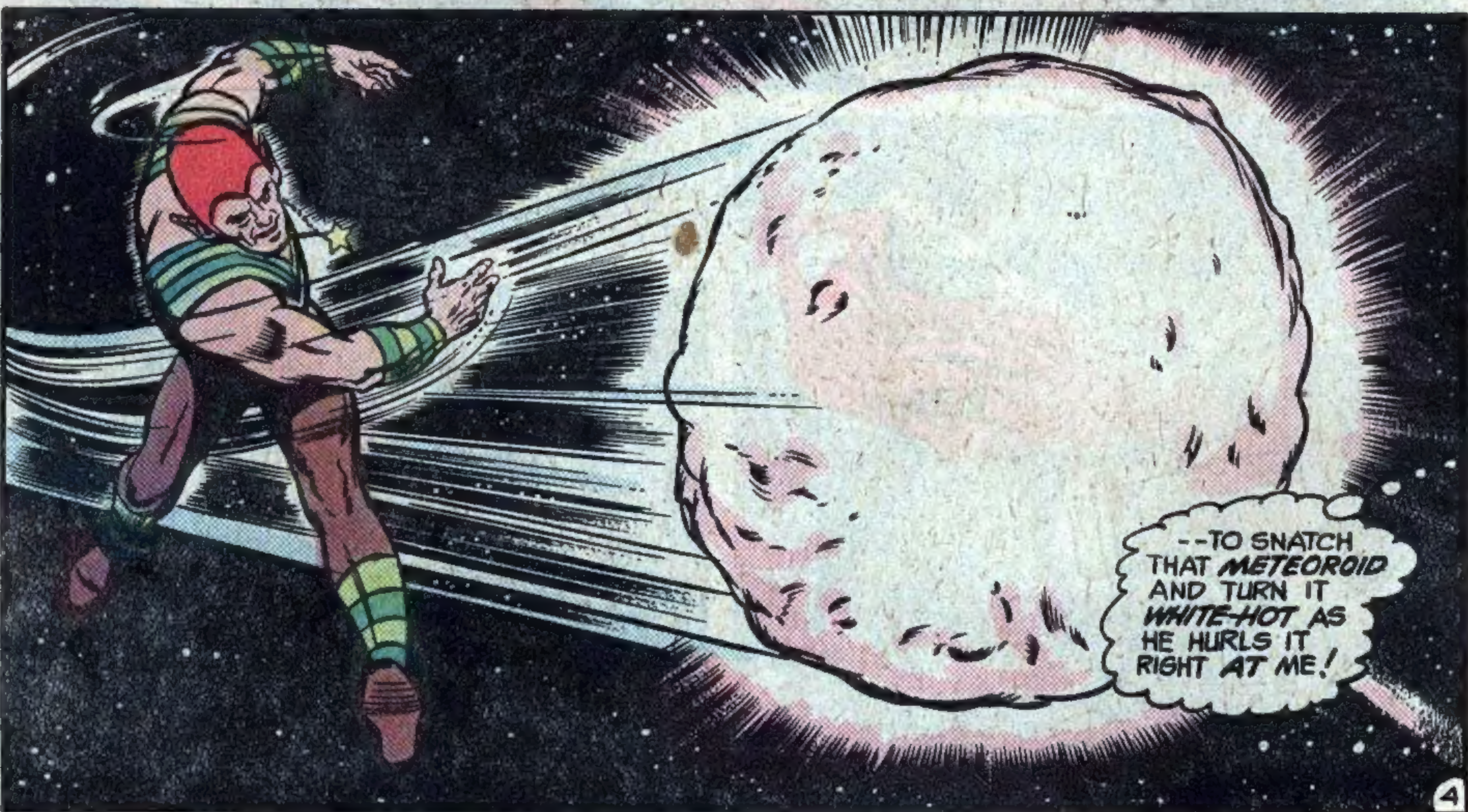
SO DAZED I CAN'T FLY RIGHT!



NOW WHAT--?

AMAZO IS USING A ONE-TWO COMBINATION--

-- ELONGATED MAN'S STRETCHING POWER AND MY HEAT VISION--



--TO SNATCH THAT METEOROID AND TURN IT WHITE-HOT AS HE HURLS IT RIGHT AT ME!





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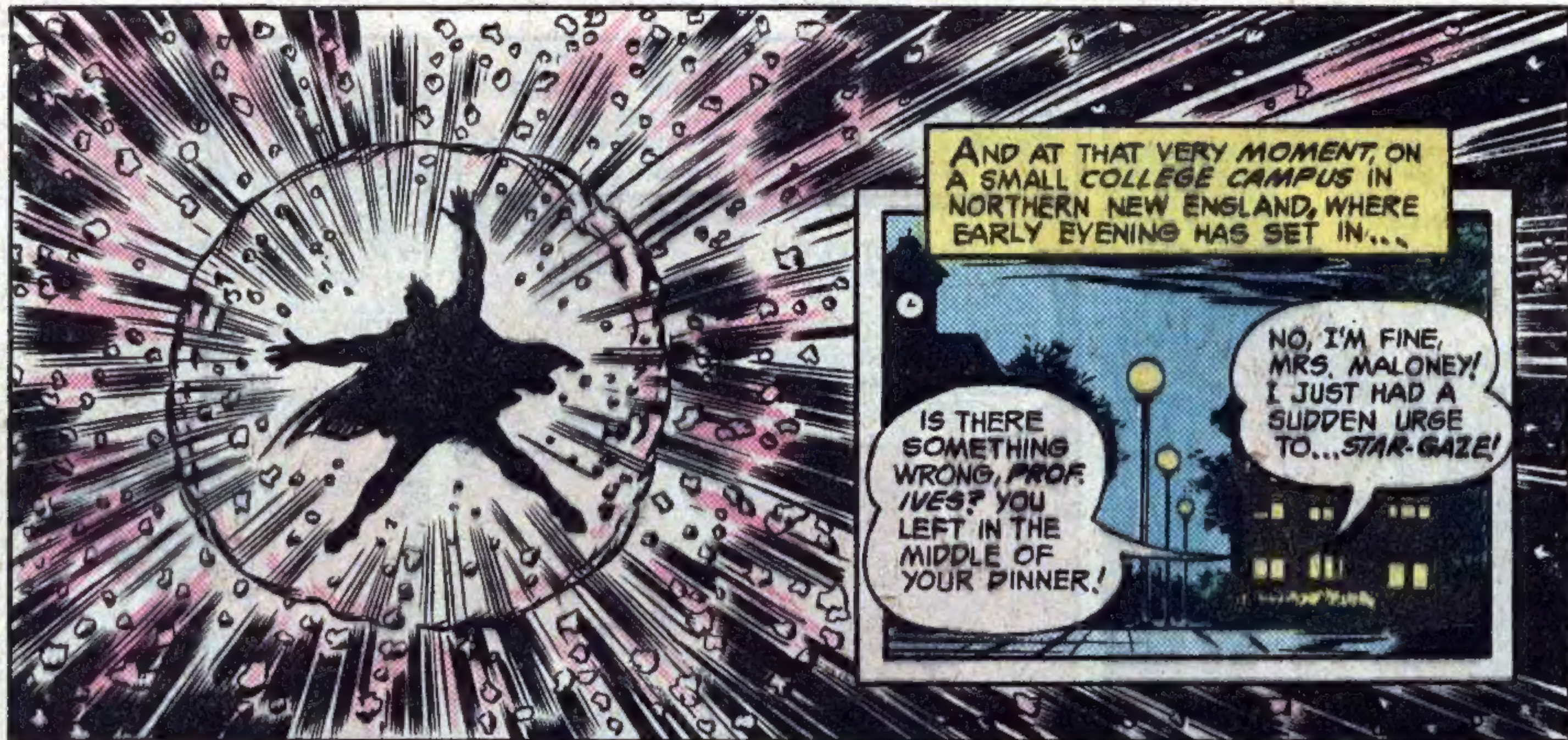
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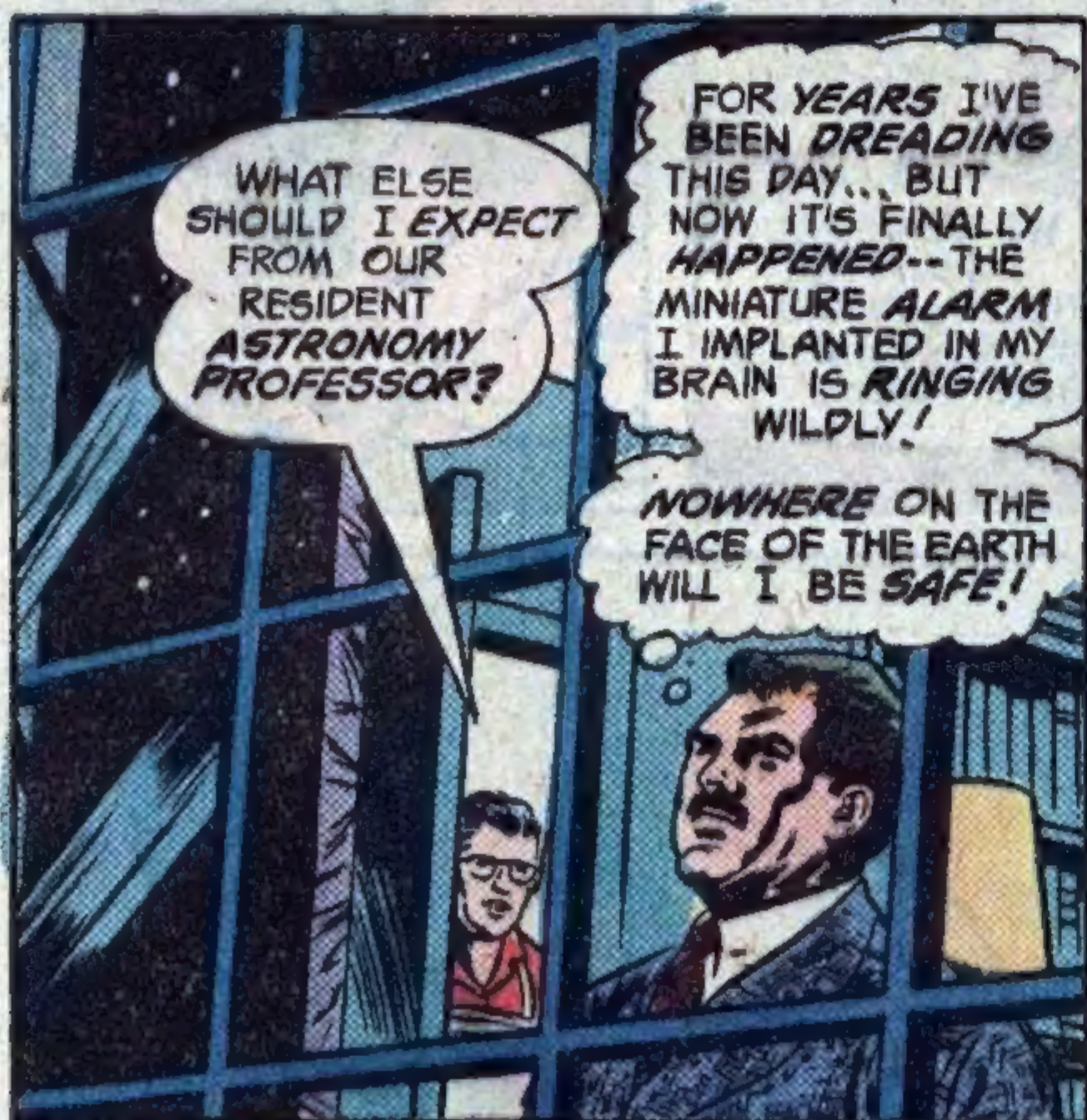




AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ON A SMALL COLLEGE CAMPUS IN NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND, WHERE EARLY EVENING HAS SET IN...

IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG, PROF. IVEY? YOU LEFT IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR PINNER!

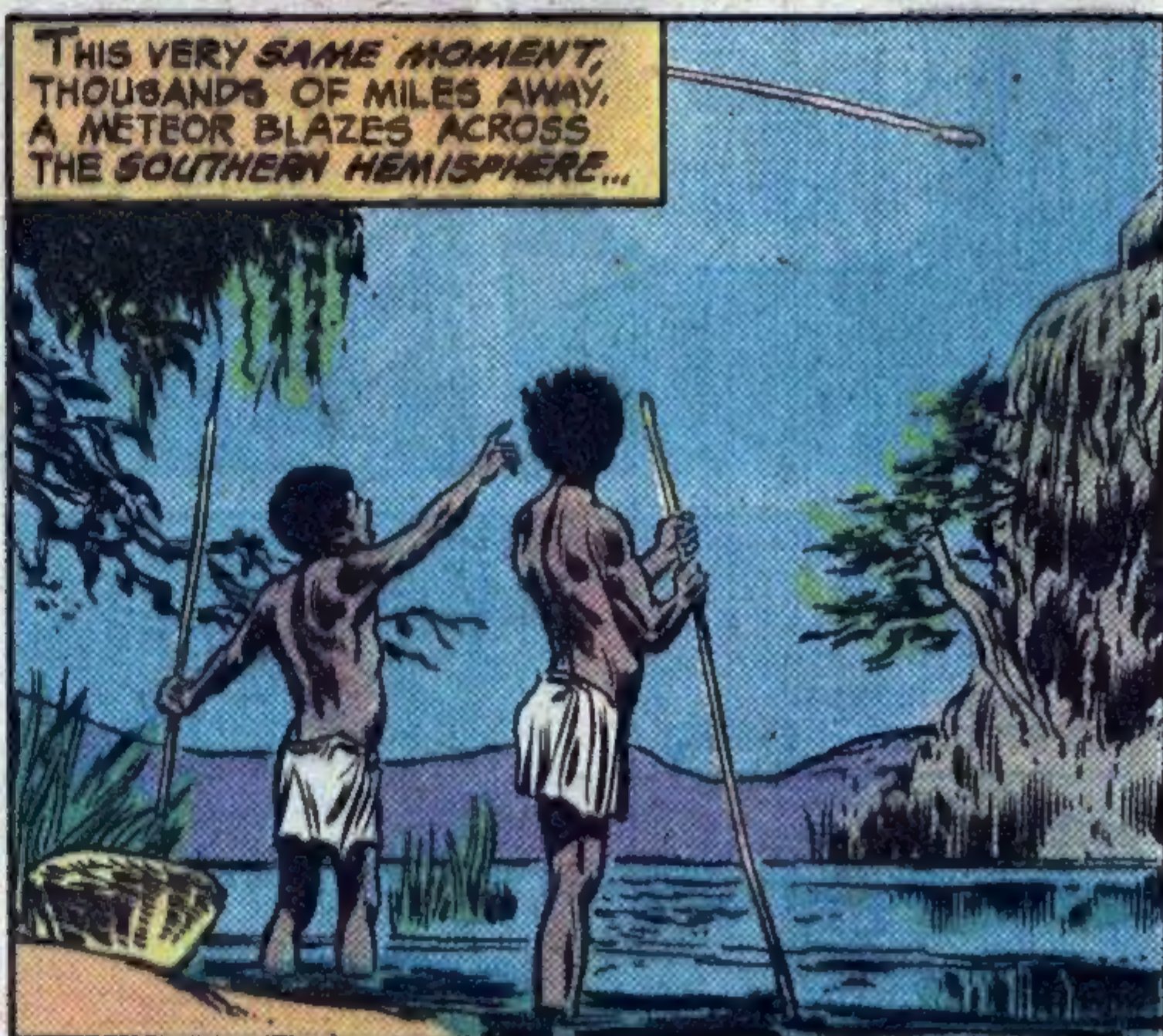
NO, I'M FINE, MRS. MALONEY! I JUST HAD A SUDDEN URGE TO... STAR-GAZE!



WHAT ELSE SHOULD I EXPECT FROM OUR RESIDENT ASTRONOMY PROFESSOR?

FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN DREADING THIS DAY... BUT NOW IT'S FINALLY HAPPENED-- THE MINIATURE ALARM I IMPLANTED IN MY BRAIN IS RINGING WILDLY!

NOWHERE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH WILL I BE SAFE!

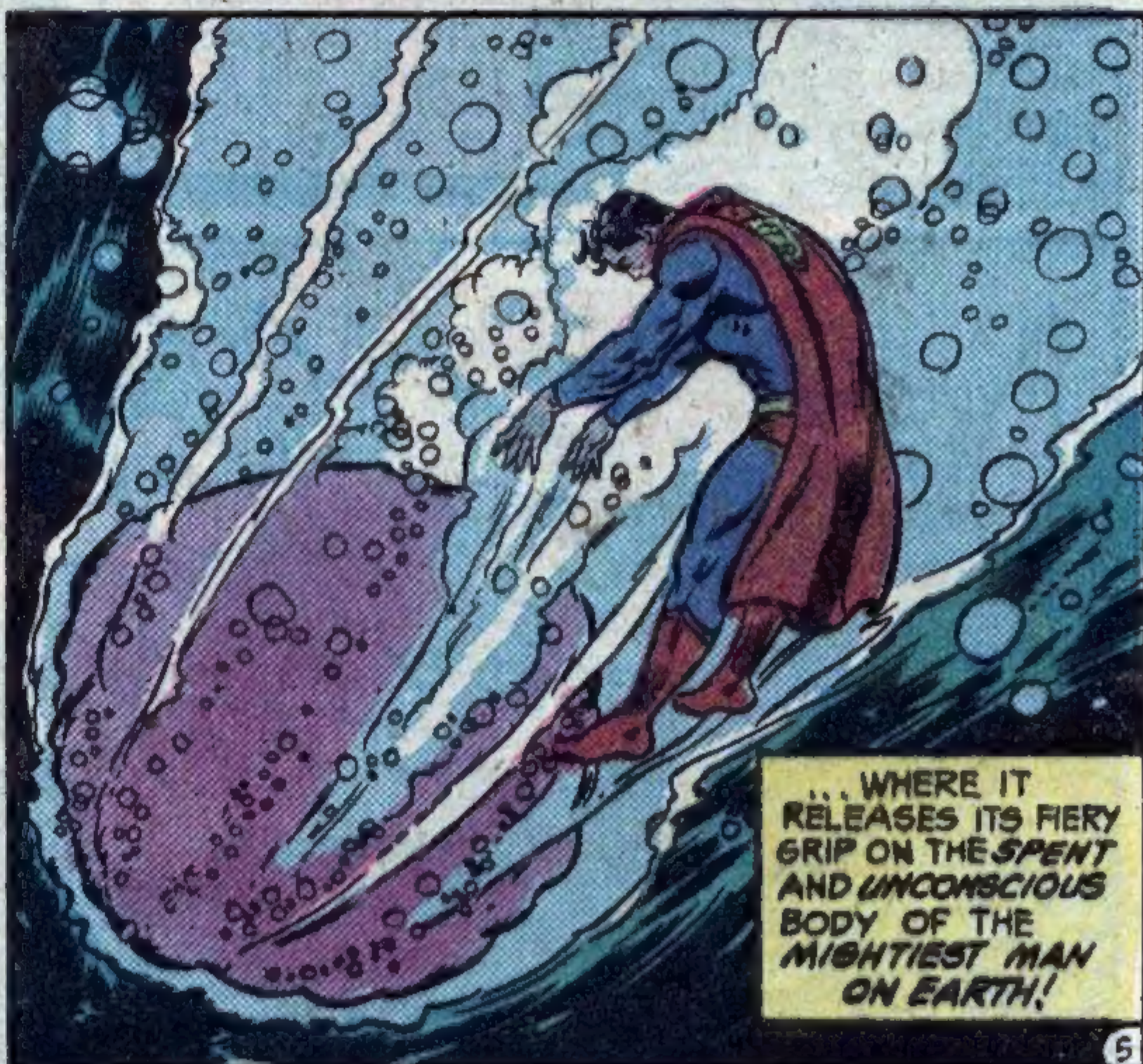


THIS VERY SAME MOMENT, THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, A METEOR BLAZES ACROSS THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE...



... FINALLY PLUNGING INTO THE AZURE DEEP OF THE PACIFIC...

SPLASHHHH!



... WHERE IT RELEASES ITS FIERY GRIP ON THE SPENT AND UNCONSCIOUS BODY OF THE MIGHTIEST MAN ON EARTH!



NOT LONG AFTERWARD 22,300 MILES OVER THE OCEAN SURFACE...

I'VE SEARCHED EVERY LEVEL... AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF **SUPERMAN** OR **AMAZO**!

EVIDENTLY THE BATTLE STARTED HERE-- BUT WHERE DID IT END UP--?

ON THE SCENE TO BEGIN HIS SHIFT ABOARD THE SATELLITE IS THE **WINGED WONDER, HAWKMAN**--ALONG WITH **GREEN LANTERN**, ASSESSING THE DAMAGE AROUND THEM...

IT IS FORTUNATE YOU GOT HERE BEFORE ANY OTHERS--AT LEAST YOUR **POWER BEAM** RENDERS **INSTANT REPAIRS**!

WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IS HOW THE **BLAZES AMAZO** CAME BACK TO LIFE!

WE WERE ALL **POSITIVE** THAT **ANDROID** WAS **PERMANENTLY SHUT DOWN**!

FROM THE EVIDENCE AROUND US, WE MUST ASSUME **AMAZO** IS BACK AT **FULL STRENGTH**--POSSESSING **ALL OUR INDIVIDUAL POWERS**!

I'LL LAY ODDS HE'S SOMEWHERE ON **EARTH** AT THIS VERY MOMENT--WELL--CONCEALED WHILE HIS **ELECTRONIC BRAIN** MAPS OUT HIS NEXT **ATTACK**!

"THERE WILL SOON BE MORE OF US TO BEGIN THE **SEARCH**--I HAVE SENT OUT A **GENERAL ALARM** TO OUR FELLOW **JUSTICE LEAGUERS**!"

"IN THE MEANTIME, LET'S HOPE **SUPERMAN** IS ALIVE AND IN **FIGHTING TRIM**--WHEREVER HE IS!"





SEVERAL HOURS LATER... THE  
MAN OF STEEL'S SECRET  
SANCTUARY IN THE ARCTIC--THE  
FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...

I AM UP  
AGAINST ONE  
OF THE  
DEADLIEST  
DILEMMAS  
OF MY LIFE!

...WHERE  
WE FIND  
SUPERMAN  
DICTATING  
INTO HIS  
GIANT DIARY,  
THE SOUND OF  
HIS VOICE  
MANIPULATING  
THE MASSIVE  
MECHANICAL  
ARM AS IT  
WRITES IN  
KRYPTONESE...

AT FIRST I BELIEVED  
THE CHRONIC DRAIN ON  
MY SUPER-POWERS WAS  
DIRECTLY LINKED TO  
AMAZO--

--LOGICAL, CONSIDERING  
HOW QUICKLY I REGAINED  
MY FULL STRENGTH  
AFTER WE  
SEPARATED!

LOGICAL, BUT  
UNFORTUNATELY,  
TOTALLY INCORRECT!

I WRITE UNFORTUNATELY  
BECAUSE THE TRUE  
EXPLANATION IS  
POTENTIALLY FAR MORE  
CATASTROPHIC!

I'VE CHECKED AND  
RE-CHECKED THE  
FINDINGS OF MY  
ASTRONOMICAL  
INSTRUMENTS--

--AND THE  
CONCLUSIONS ARE  
INDISPUTABLE!

MY CURRENT  
DILEMMA ACTUALLY  
BEGAN BILLIONS  
OF YEARS AGO,  
IN A DISTANT  
GALAXY...

"... WHEN A  
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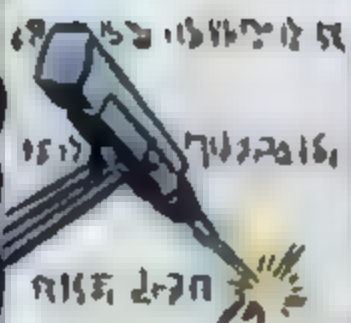
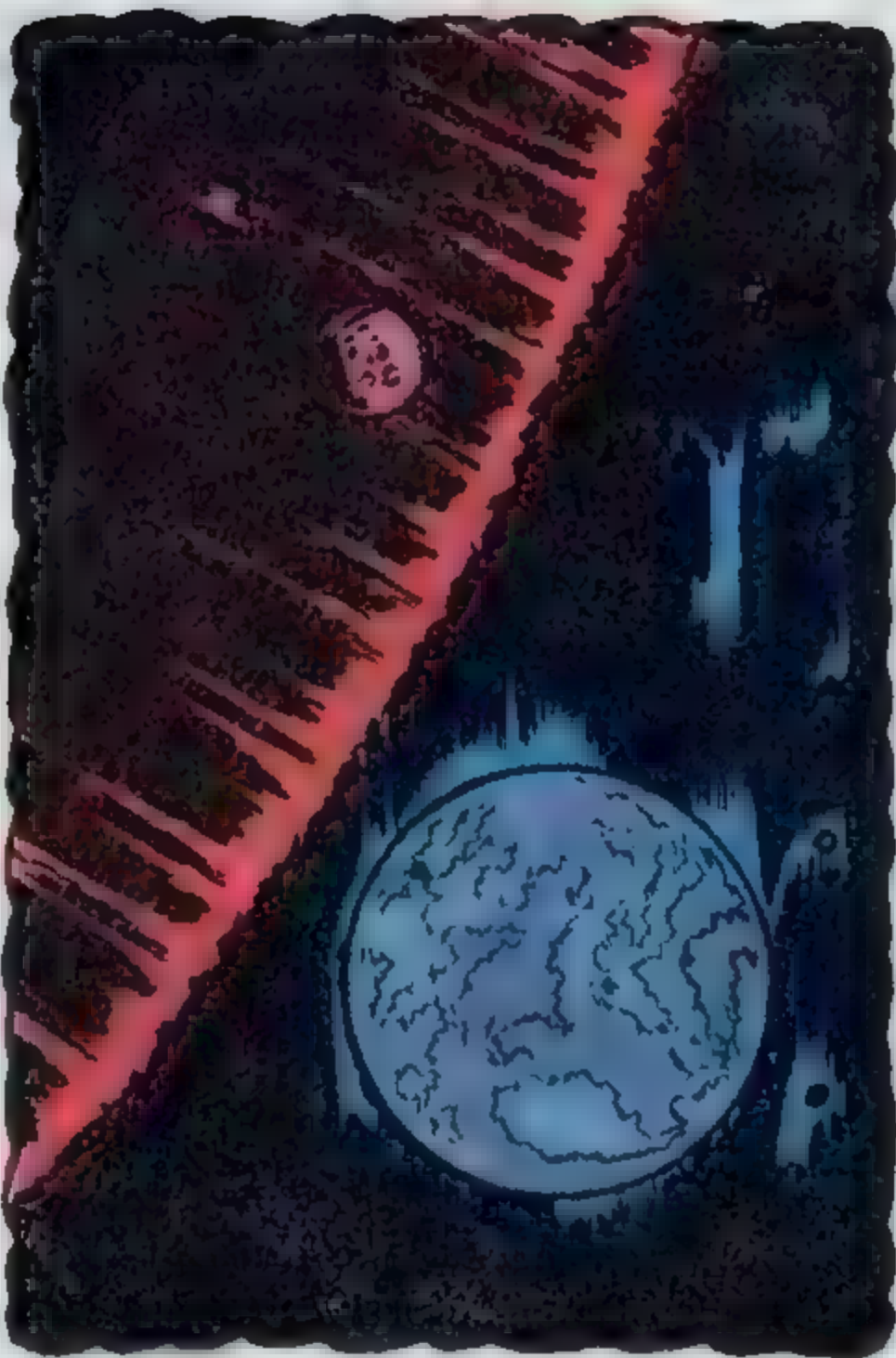
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"... PASSING THROUGH STARS  
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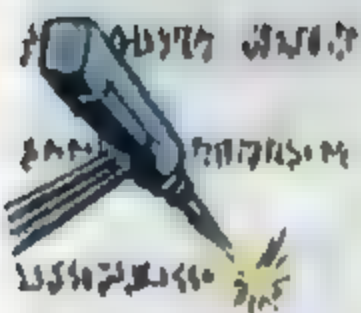
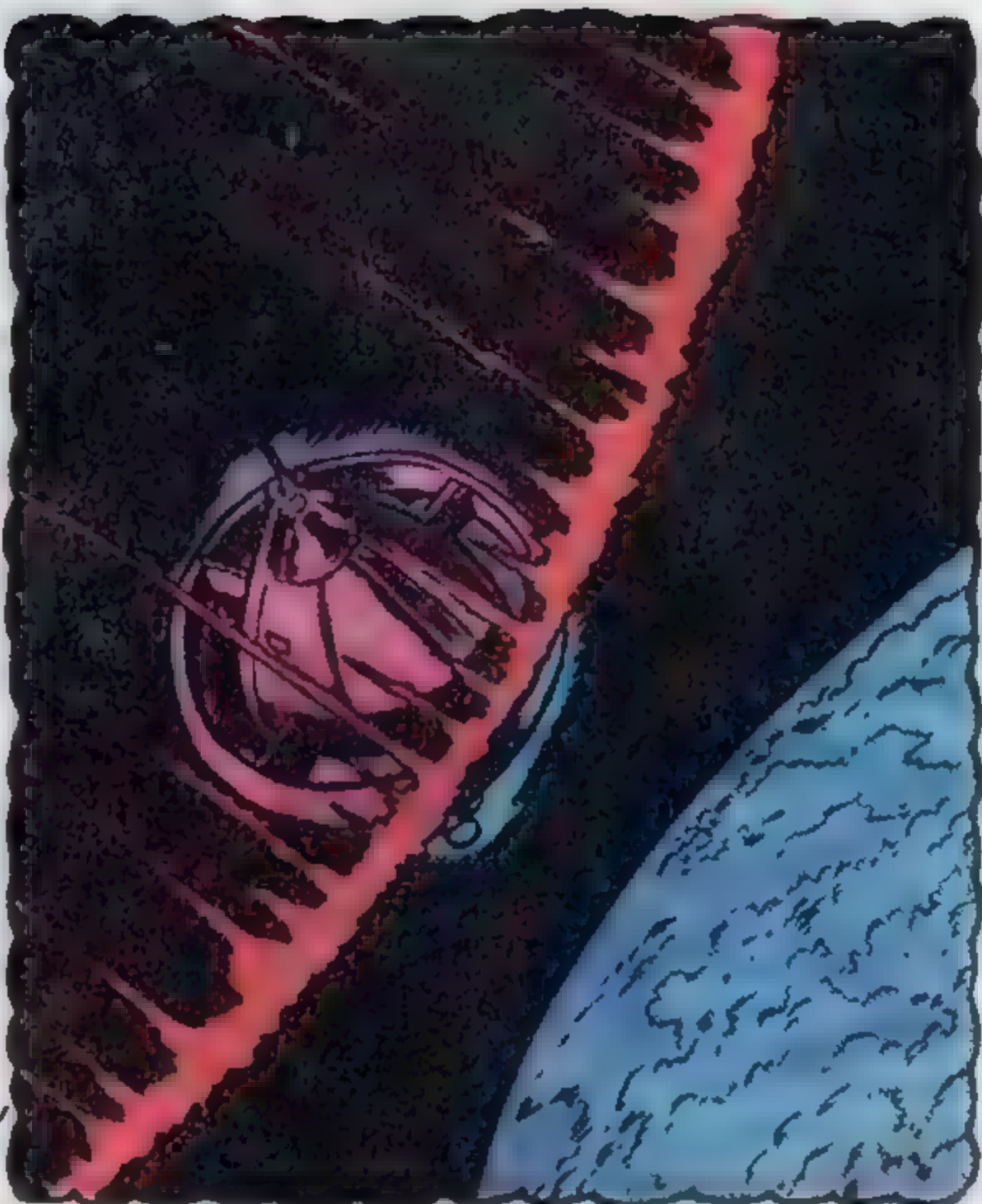




"UNTIL, BILLIONS OF YEARS LATER-- THEY BEGAN TO SWEEP THROUGH **OUR** SOLAR SYSTEM..."

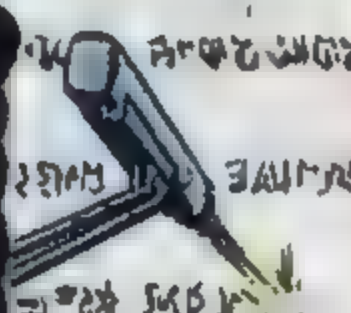
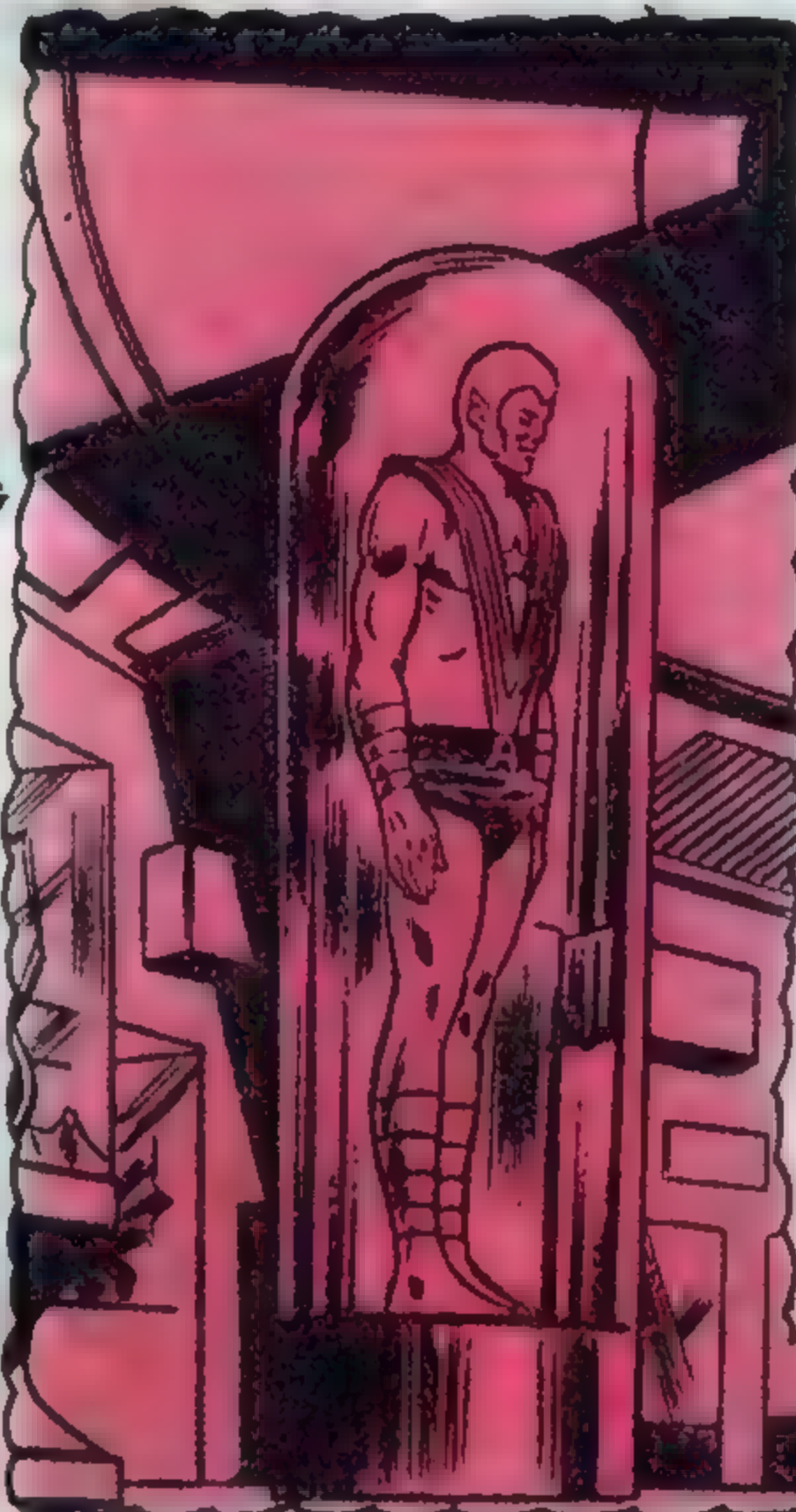


"AND ONLY THEN DID THE **REMARKABLE NATURE** OF THIS ANCIENT **STAR-SUN** COME TO LIGHT-- WHEN THE FIRST FAINT **GLIMMERS** OF RED RADIATION PASSED THROUGH THE **JLA SATELLITE...**"



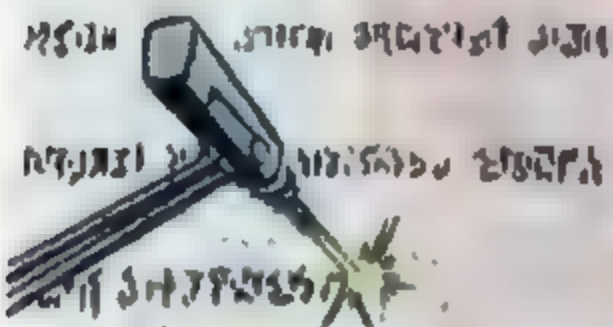
"RADIATION POSSESSING AN UNHEARD-OF **ENERGIZING FACTOR**-- WHICH SOMEHOW SERVED TO **REVITALIZE** AMAZO'S ANDROID BODY..."

"EVEN MORE REMARKABLE-- THE RADIATION **REKINDLED** THE LAST REMAINING VESTIGES OF **EVERY SUPER-POWER** HE HAD ABSORBED FROM US LONG AGO!"

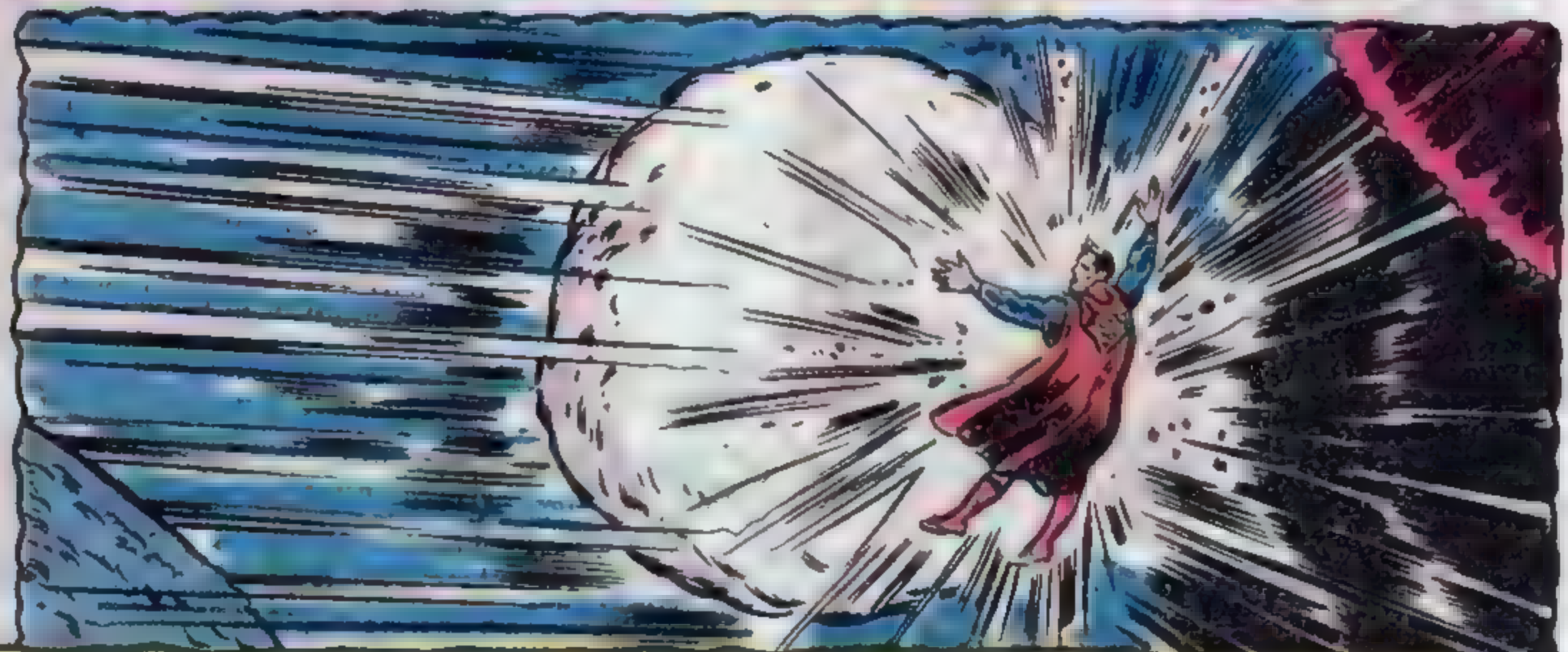


"AND SO **AMAZO** WAS BROUGHT BACK TO **SYNTHETIC LIFE**-- ONCE AGAIN MATCHING THE **COMBINED MIGHT** OF THE **JUSTICE LEAGUE'S** VAST AND **VARIED POWERS!**"

"BUT THE **WORST** WAS YET TO COME..."



"THIS FIRST WAVE OF **RED RADIATION** HAD QUITE THE **OPPOSITE EFFECT** ON **ME!** THE SAME PECULIAR **ENERGIZING FACTOR** THAT WAS RECHARGING **AMAZO'S** POWERS WAS **SAPPING MINE!**"



"I ESTIMATE I WAS FUNCTIONING AT LESS THAN **HALF-STRENGTH** DURING OUR **BATTLE IN SPACE!**"



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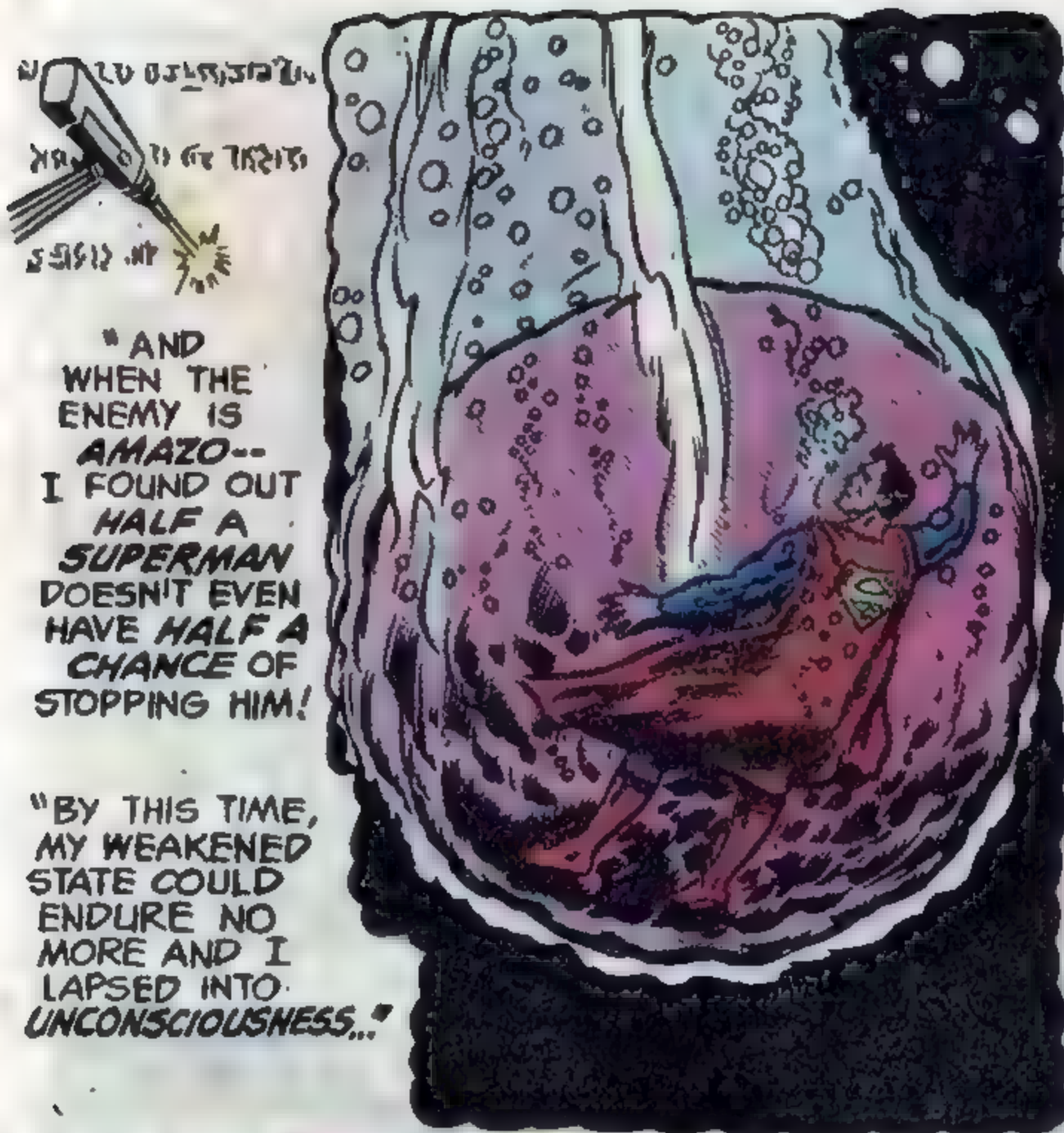
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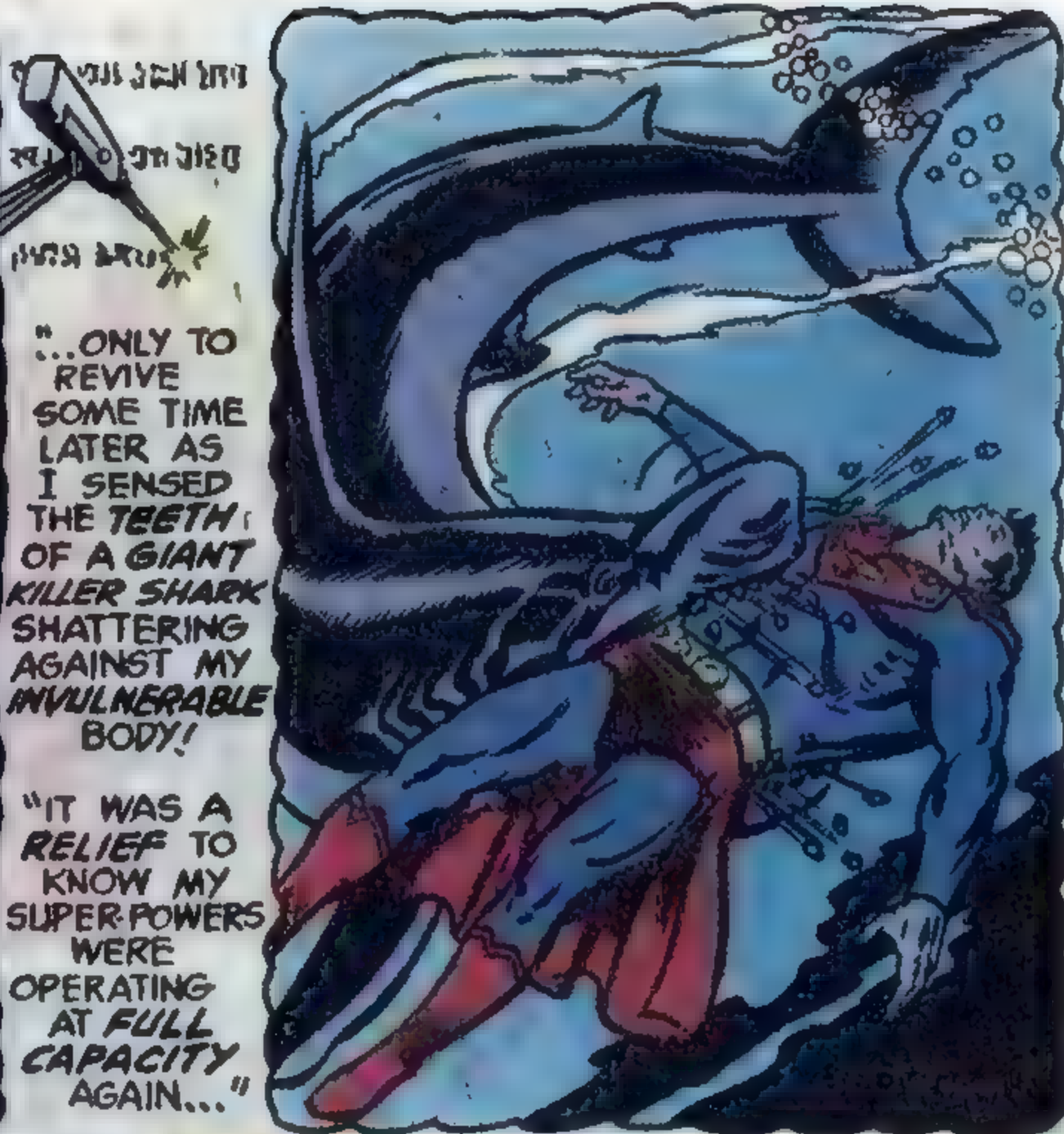
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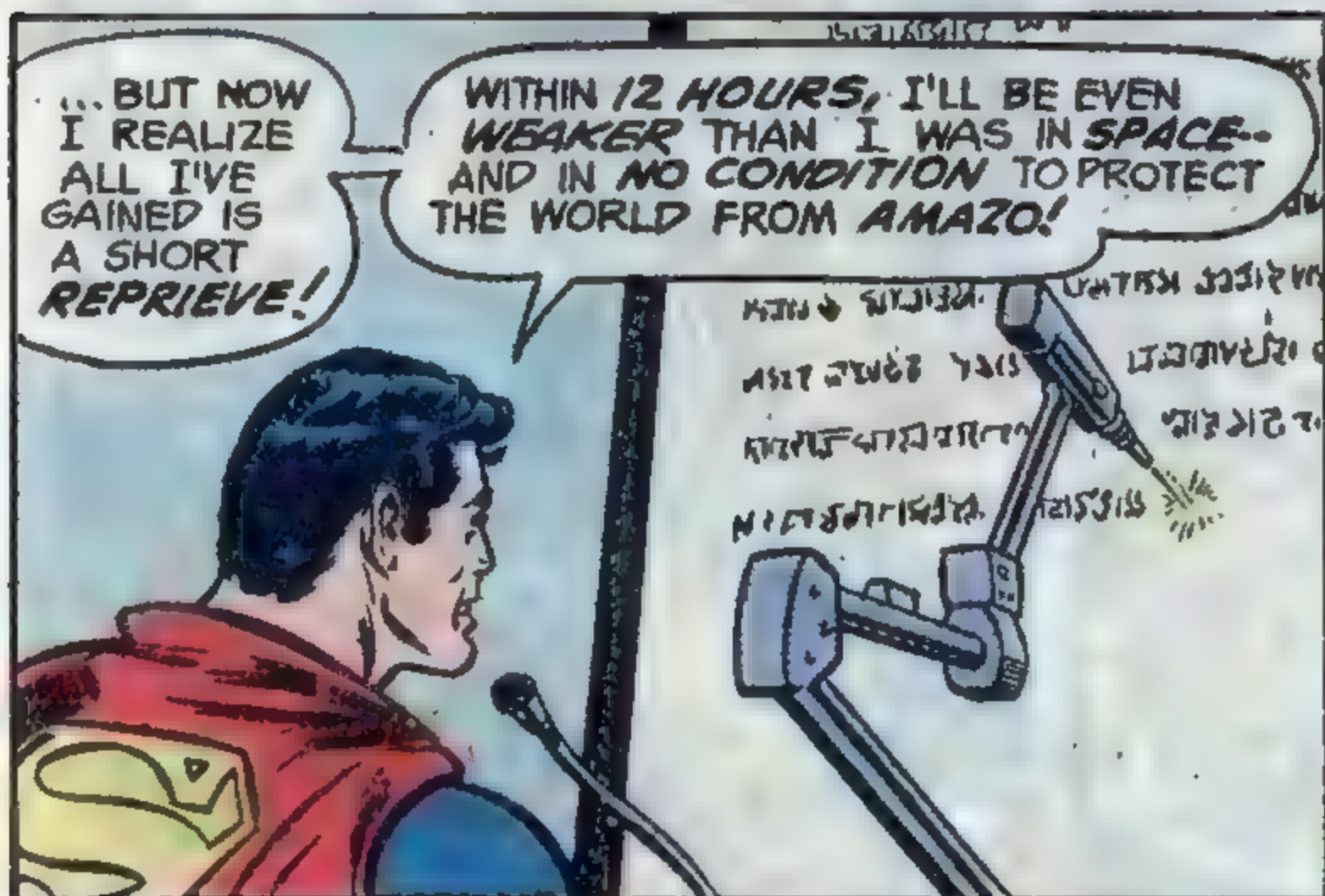
"AND WHEN THE ENEMY IS **AMAZO**-- I FOUND OUT **HALF A SUPERMAN** DOESN'T EVEN HAVE **HALF A CHANCE** OF STOPPING HIM!

"BY THIS TIME, MY WEAKENED STATE COULD ENDURE NO MORE AND I LAPSED INTO **UNCONSCIOUSNESS...**"



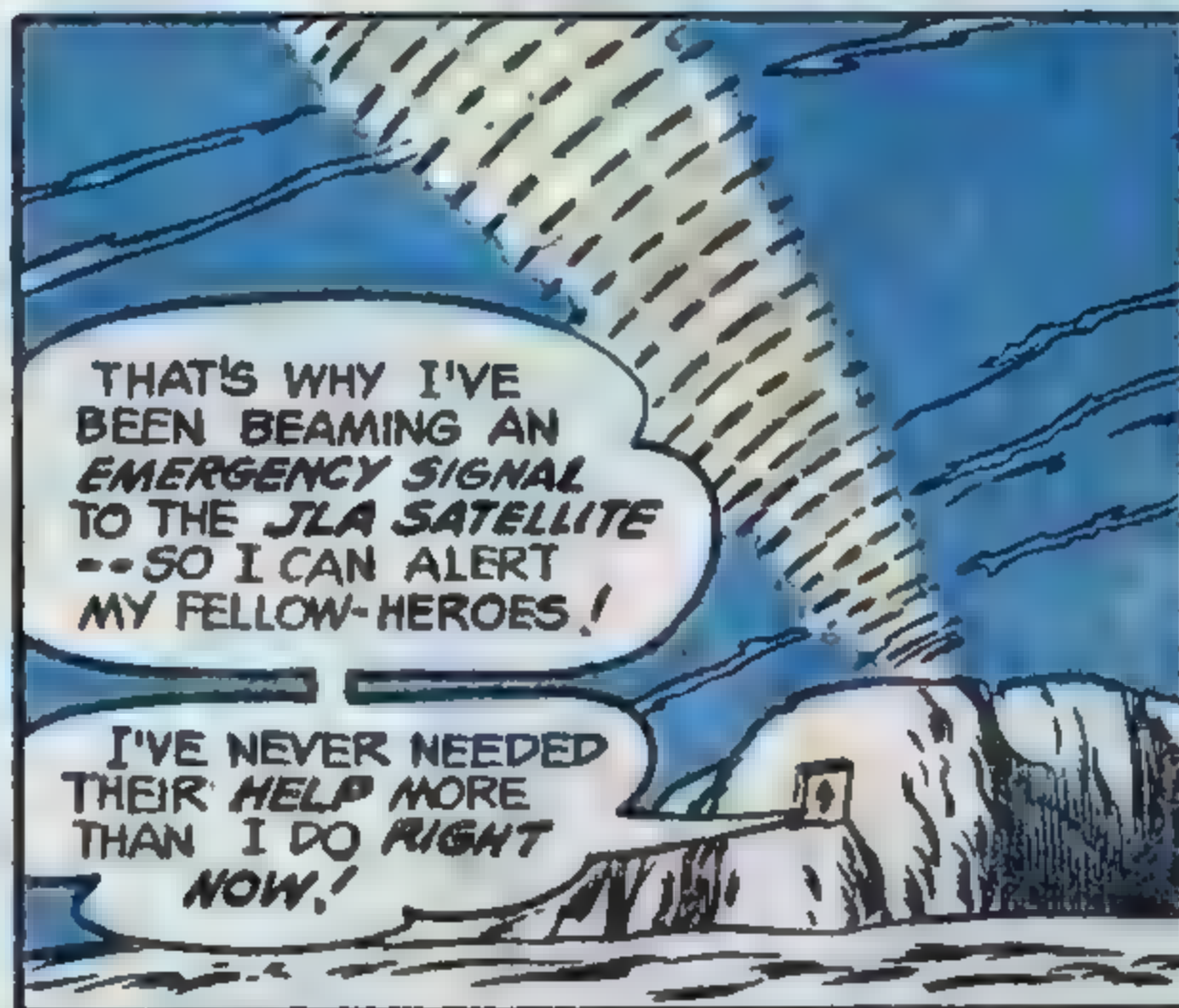
"...ONLY TO REVIVE SOME TIME LATER AS I SENSED THE **TEETH** OF A **GIANT KILLER SHARK** SHATTERING AGAINST MY **INVULNERABLE BODY**!

"IT WAS A **RELIEF** TO KNOW MY **SUPER-POWERS** WERE OPERATING AT **FULL CAPACITY** AGAIN..."



"...BUT NOW I REALIZE ALL I'VE GAINED IS A **SHORT REPRIEVE!**"

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BUT I STILL CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY **WE** CAN'T BEAM A **REPLY** BACK TO HIM!



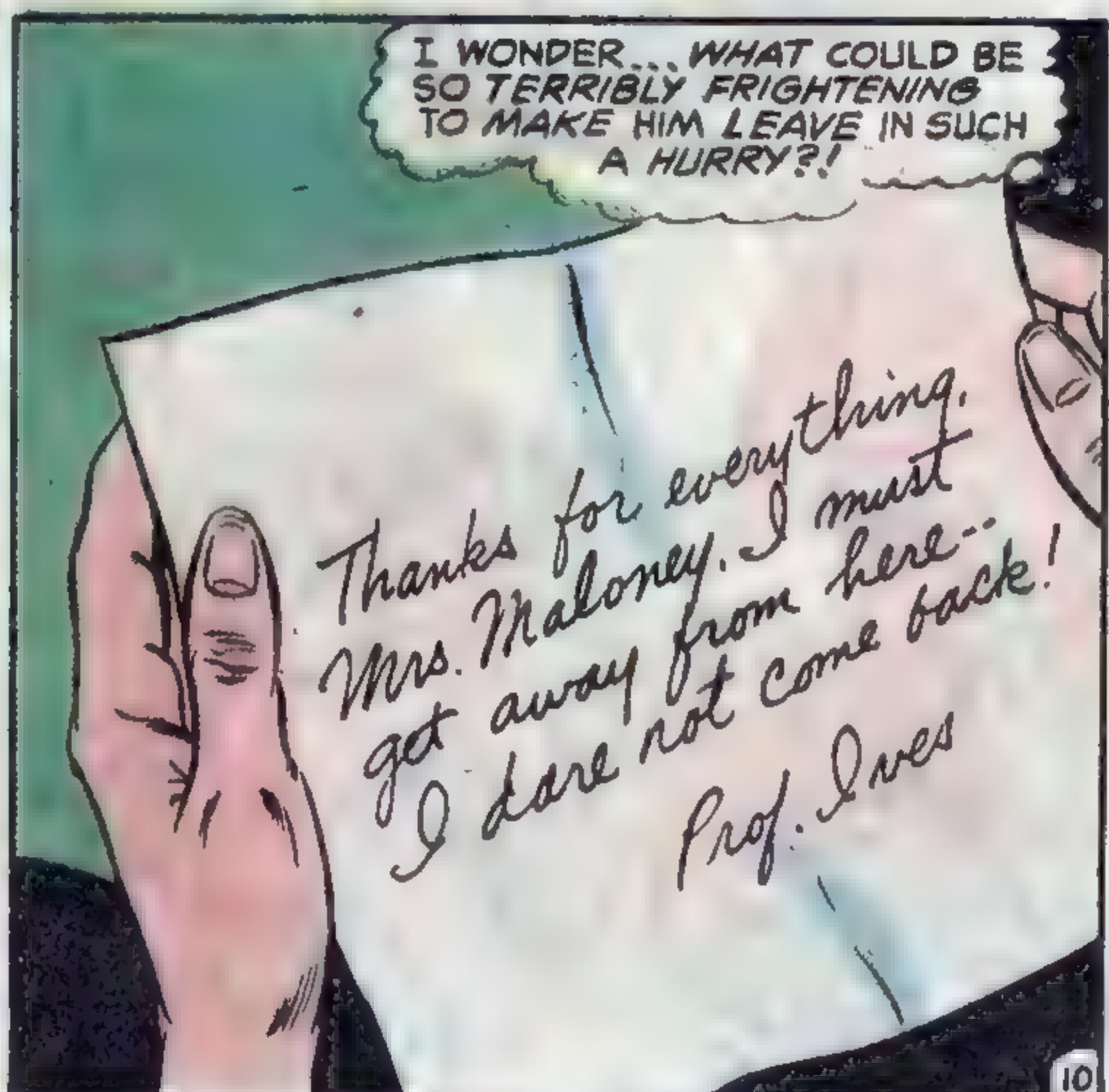
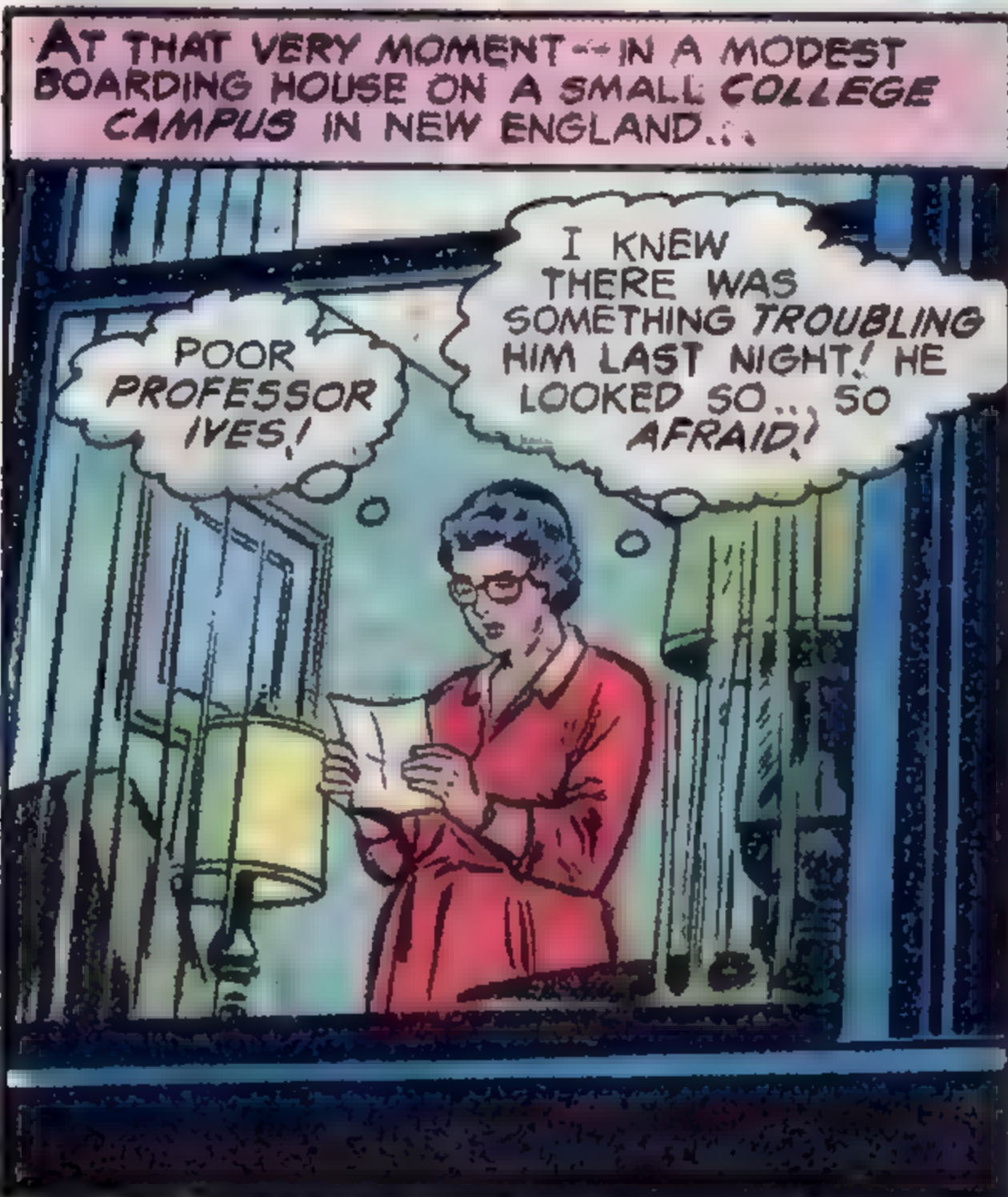
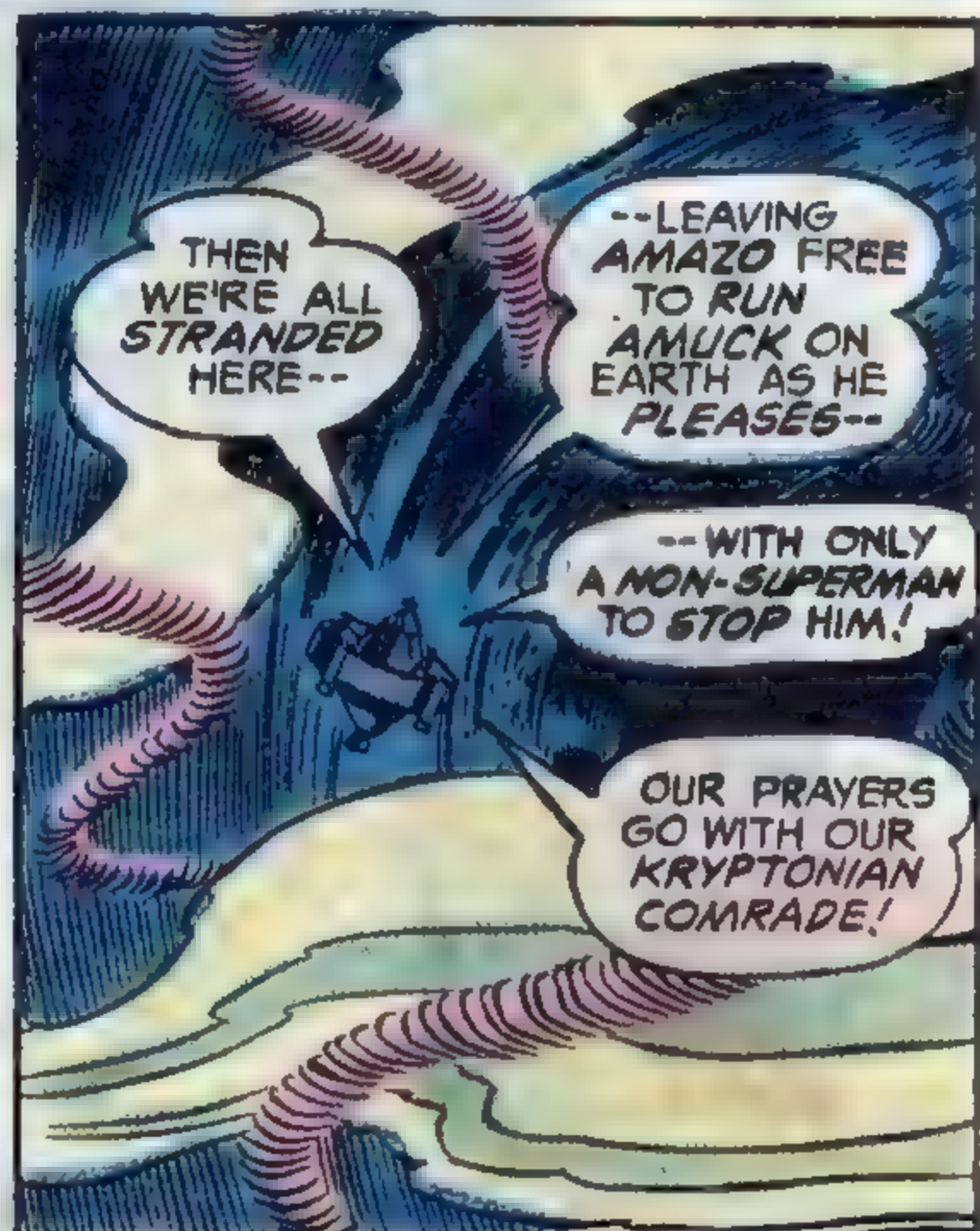
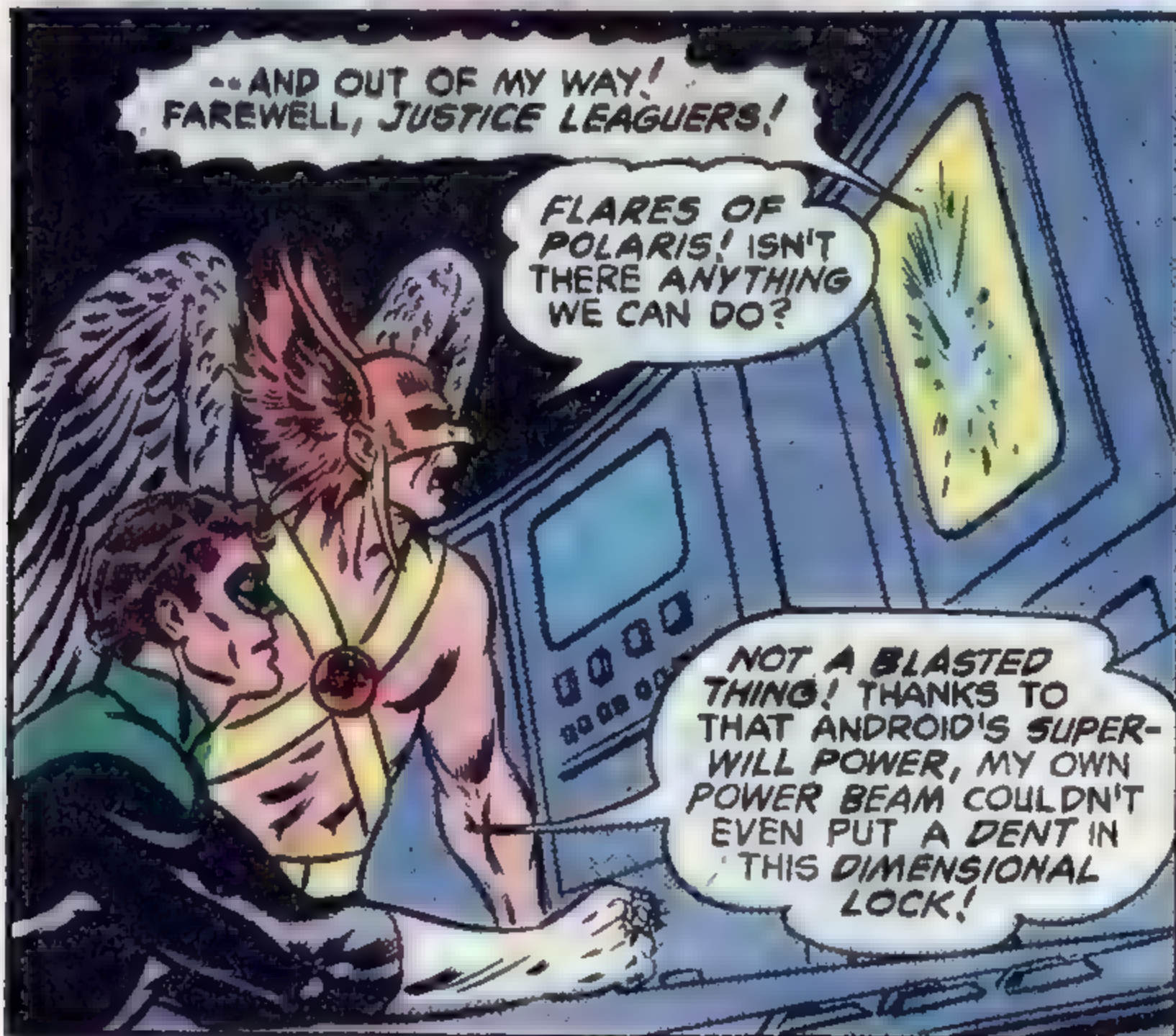
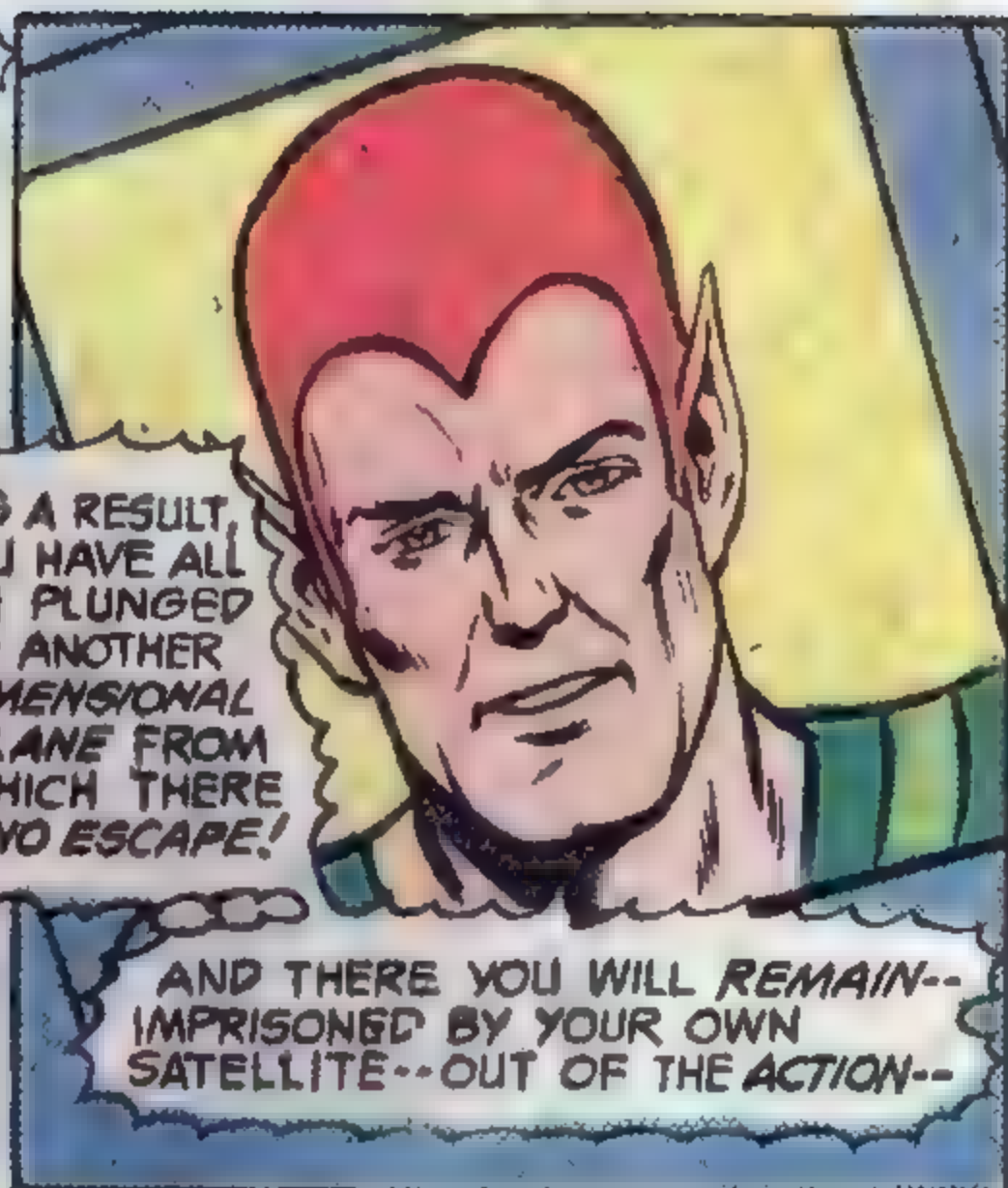
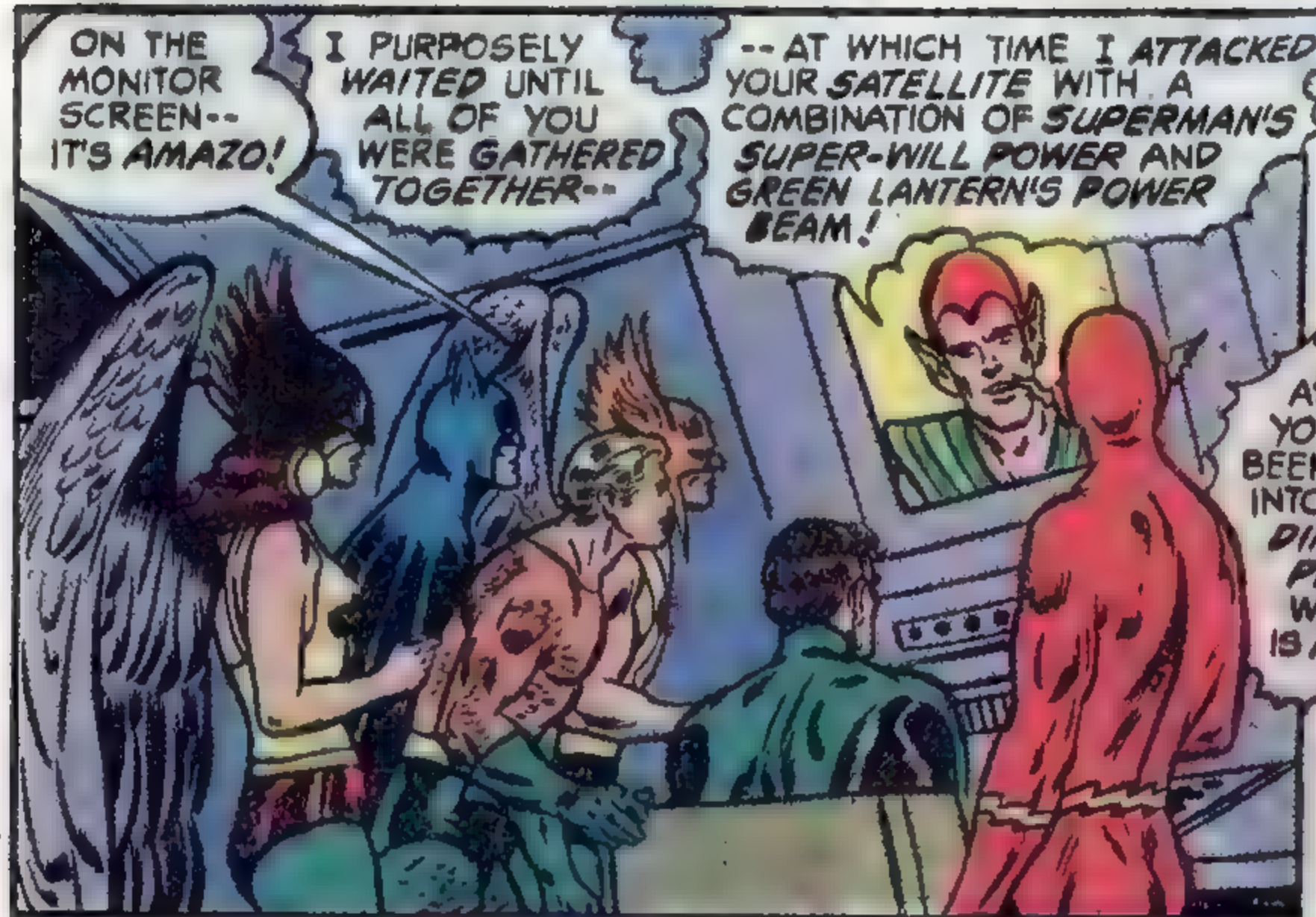
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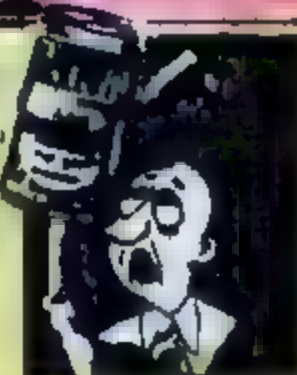
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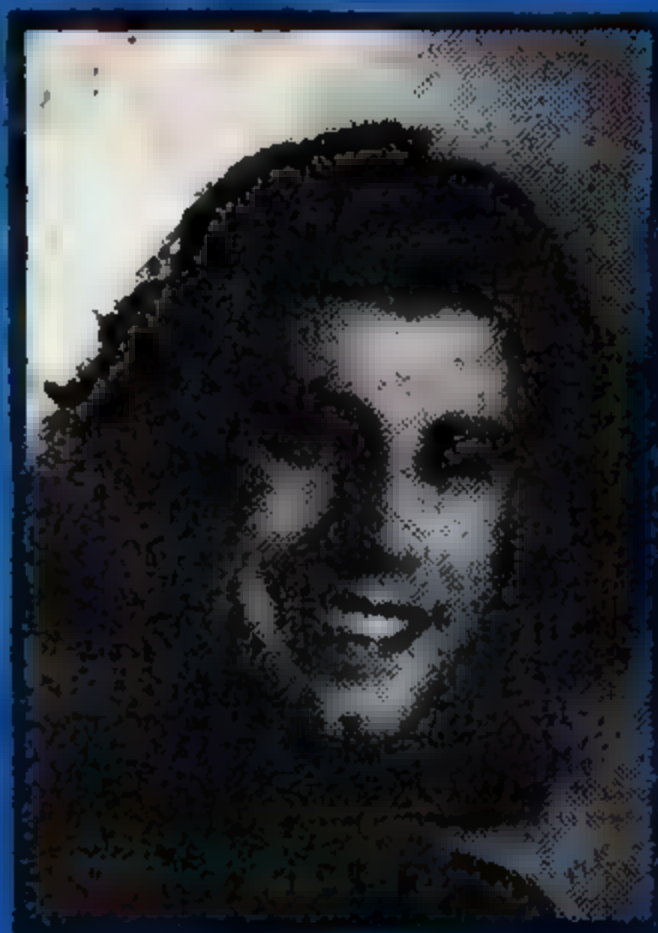
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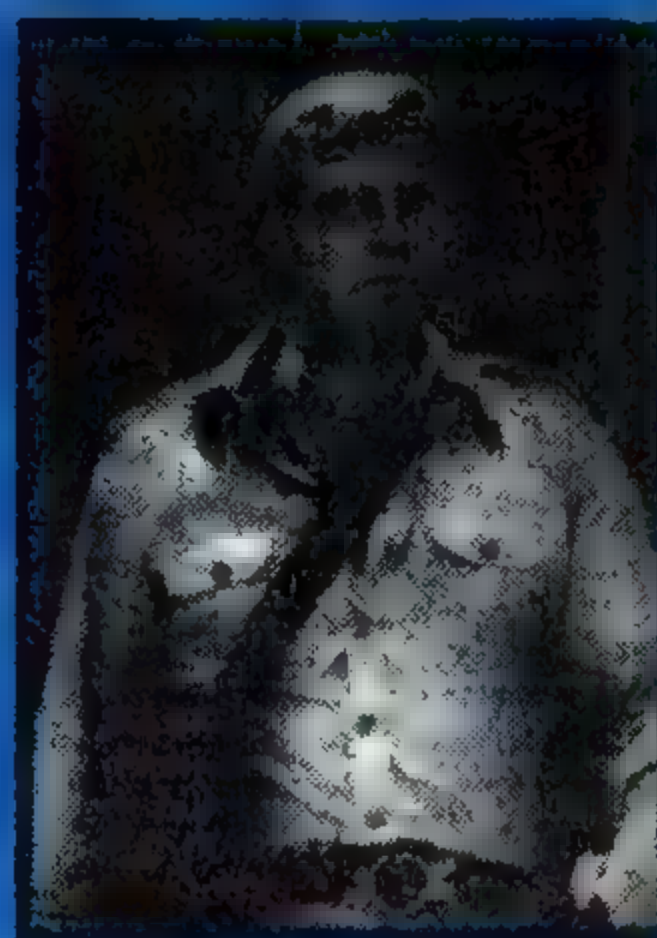
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YOU GO ON AHEAD AND I'LL GET MY MILD-MANNERED CO-ANCHOR-PERSON!

AND AS LANA LANG REACHES THE OFFICE OF HER FELLOW TV-NEWSCASTER...

PUT THAT YO-YO AWAY AND LOOK ALIVE, LUV--IT'S TIME FOR THE BOSS-MAN'S MEETING... REMEMBER?

I SUPPOSE WE CAN'T AVOID IT ANY LONGER!

WHAT?! CAN THIS BE THE SAME MAN OF STEEL WE SAW GRIMLY FACING HIS GREATEST DILEMMA ONLY HOURS BEFORE?

PATIENCE--YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

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--WHICH IS WHY I'VE PUT FOUR WHITE MARBLES AND ONE BLACK ONE INTO THIS BOWL!

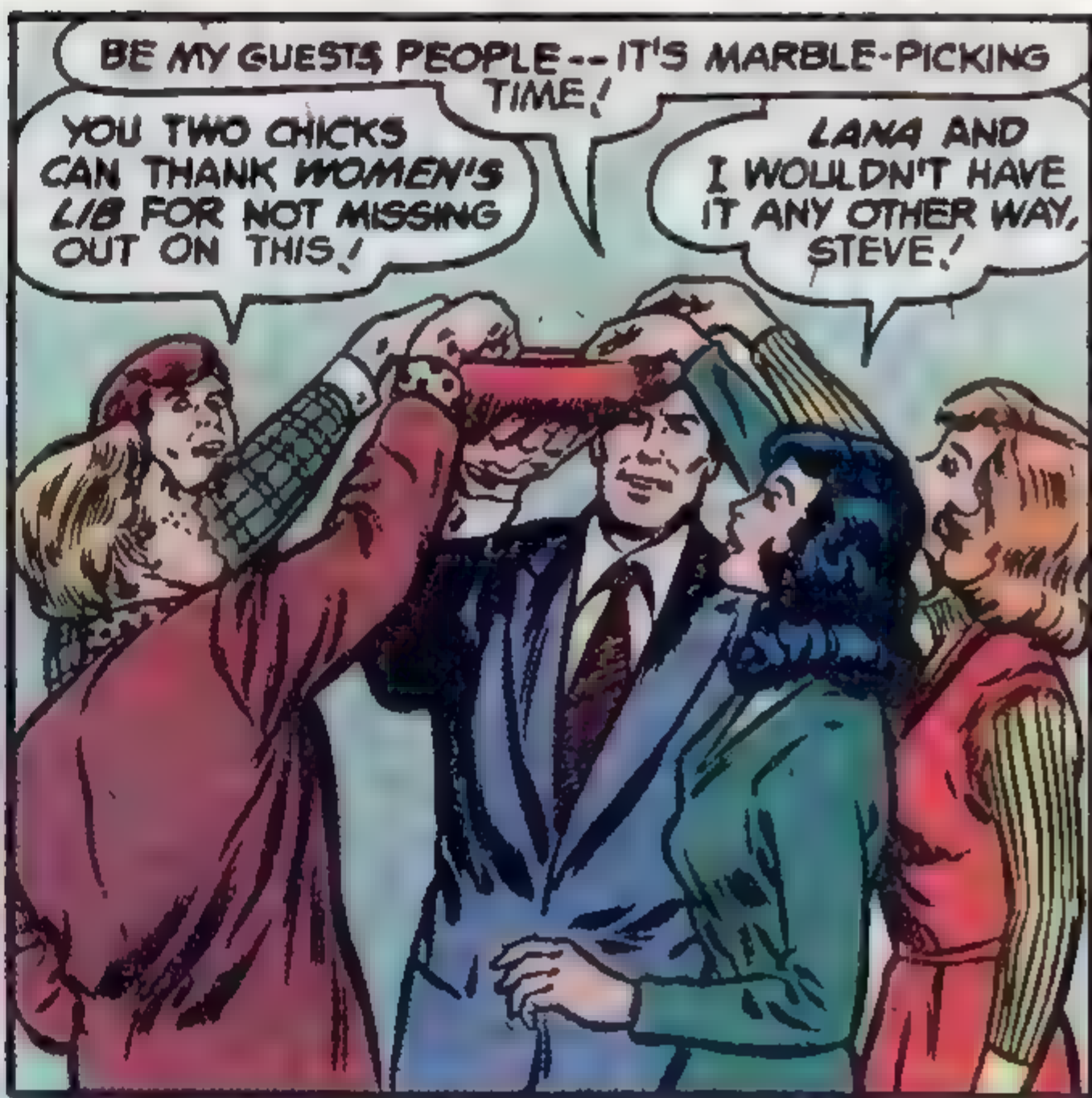
THE REST, AS THEY SAY, IS UP TO CHANCE!





PSST! REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS, LOIS-- WHEN WE USED TO SUSPECT CLARK WAS SUPERMAN-- AND BELIEVED HE'D DO ANYTHING TO AVOID MEDICAL TESTS?

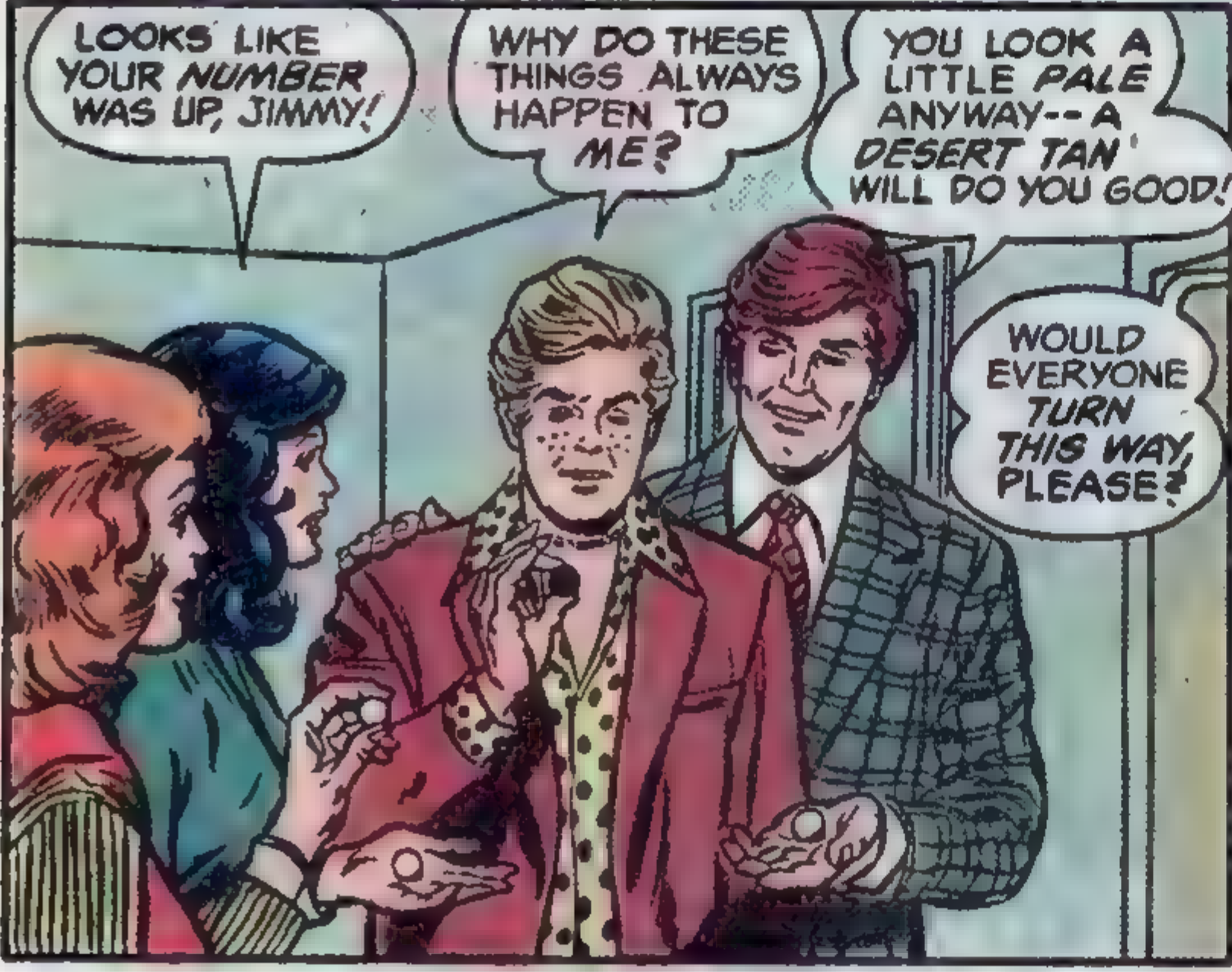
BACK THEN, WE WOULD'VE EXPECTED CLARK TO PULL SOME SLY SUPER-TRICK TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE ELSE CHOSE THE BLACK MARBLE!



BE MY GUESTS, PEOPLE-- IT'S MARBLE-PICKING TIME!

YOU TWO CHICKS CAN THANK WOMEN'S LIB FOR NOT MISSING OUT ON THIS!

LANA AND I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY, STEVE!

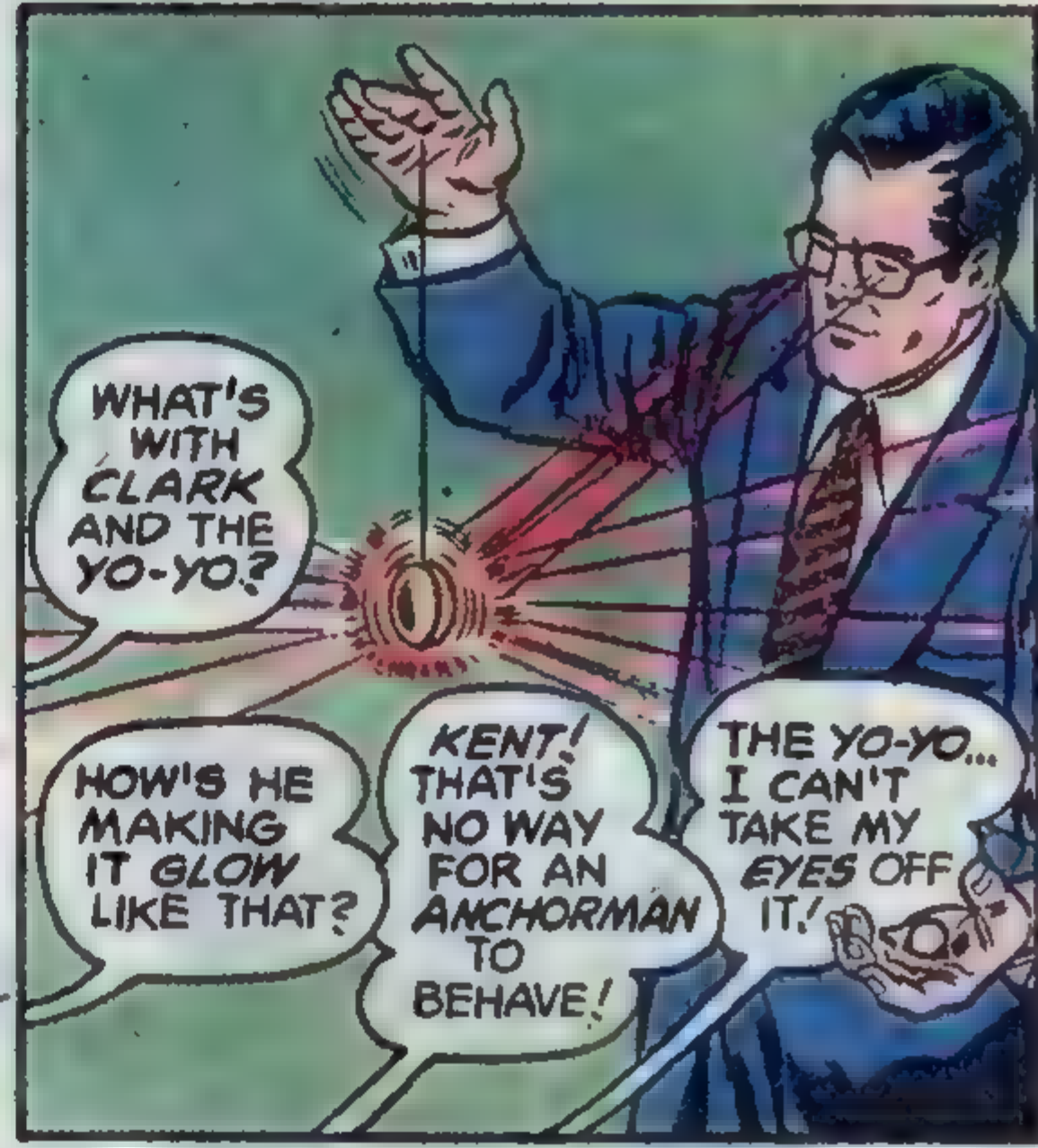


LOOKS LIKE YOUR NUMBER WAS UP, JIMMY!

WHY DO THESE THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME?

YOU LOOK A LITTLE PALE ANYWAY-- A DESERT TAN WILL DO YOU GOOD!

WOULD EVERYONE TURN THIS WAY, PLEASE?

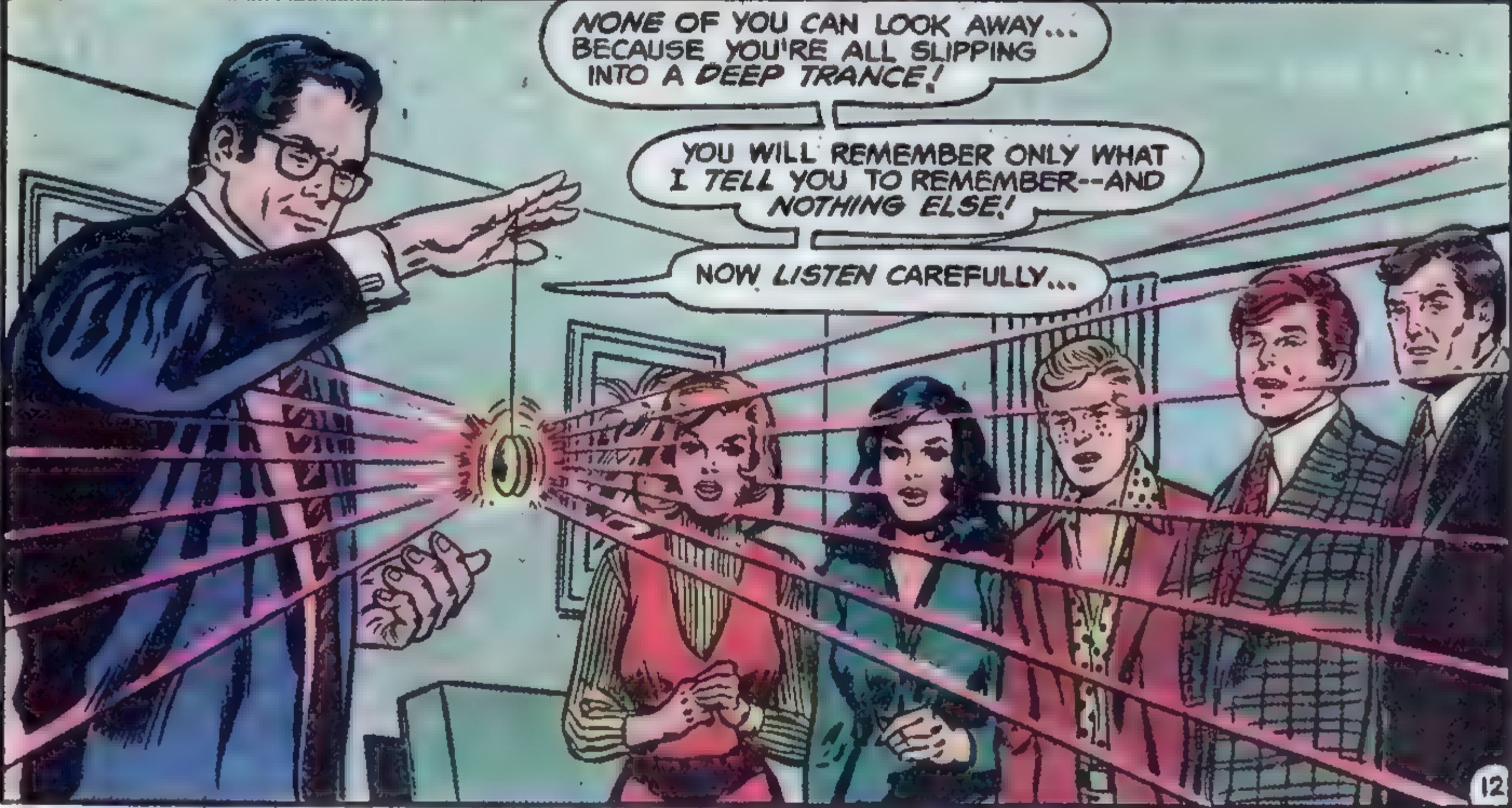


WHAT'S WITH CLARK AND THE YO-YO?

HOW'S HE MAKING IT GLOW LIKE THAT?

KENT! THAT'S NO WAY FOR AN ANCHORMAN TO BEHAVE!

THE YO-YO... I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF IT!



NONE OF YOU CAN LOOK AWAY... BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL SLIPPING INTO A DEEP TRANCE!

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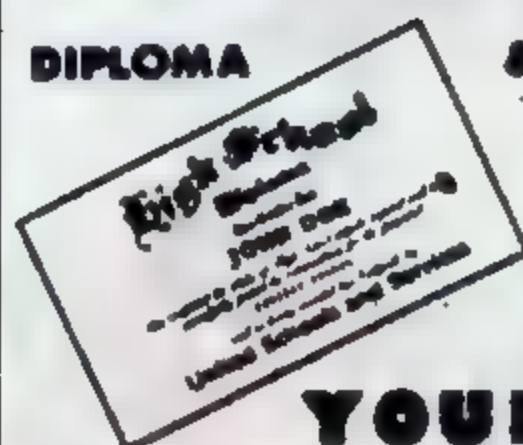
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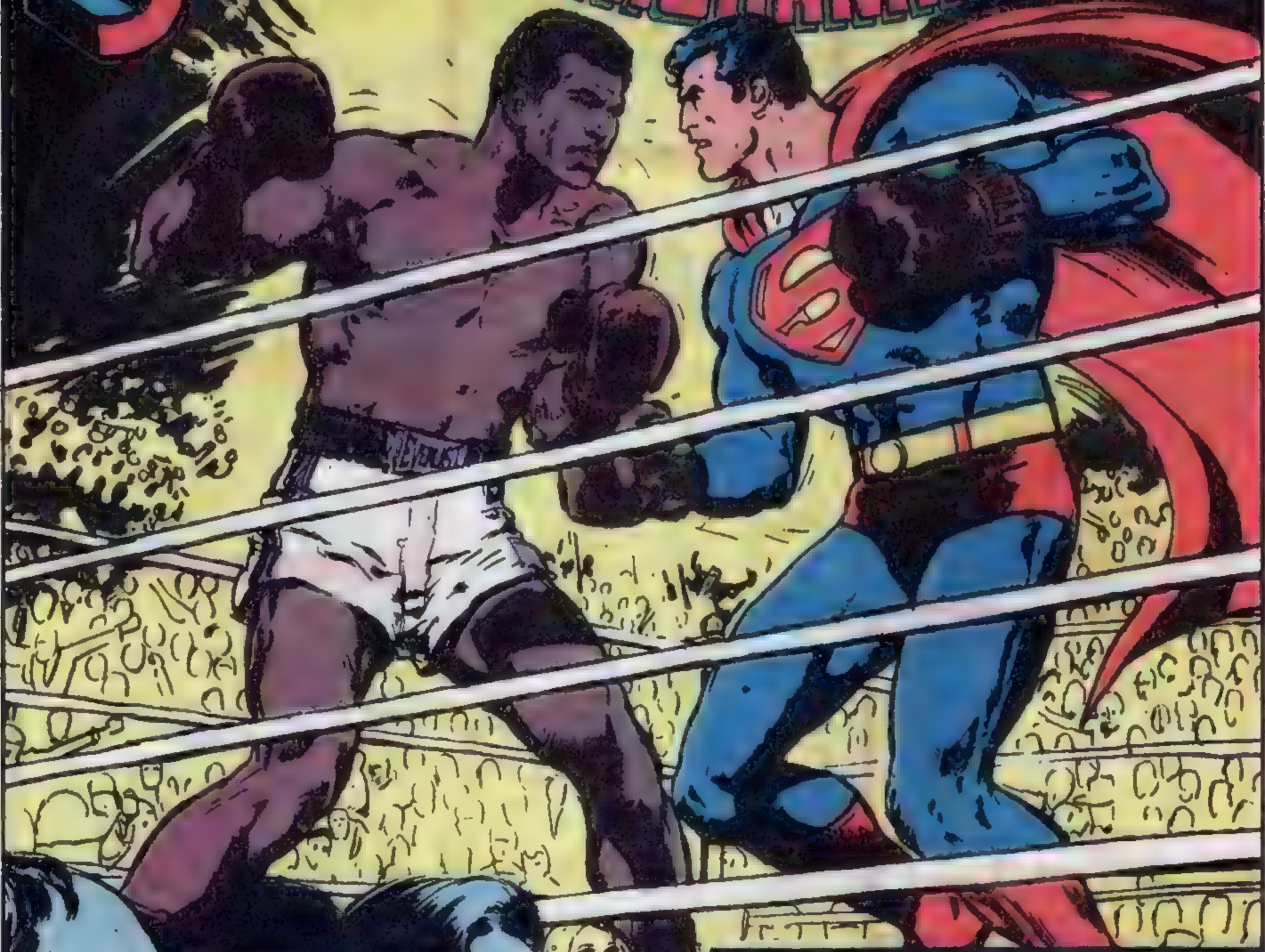
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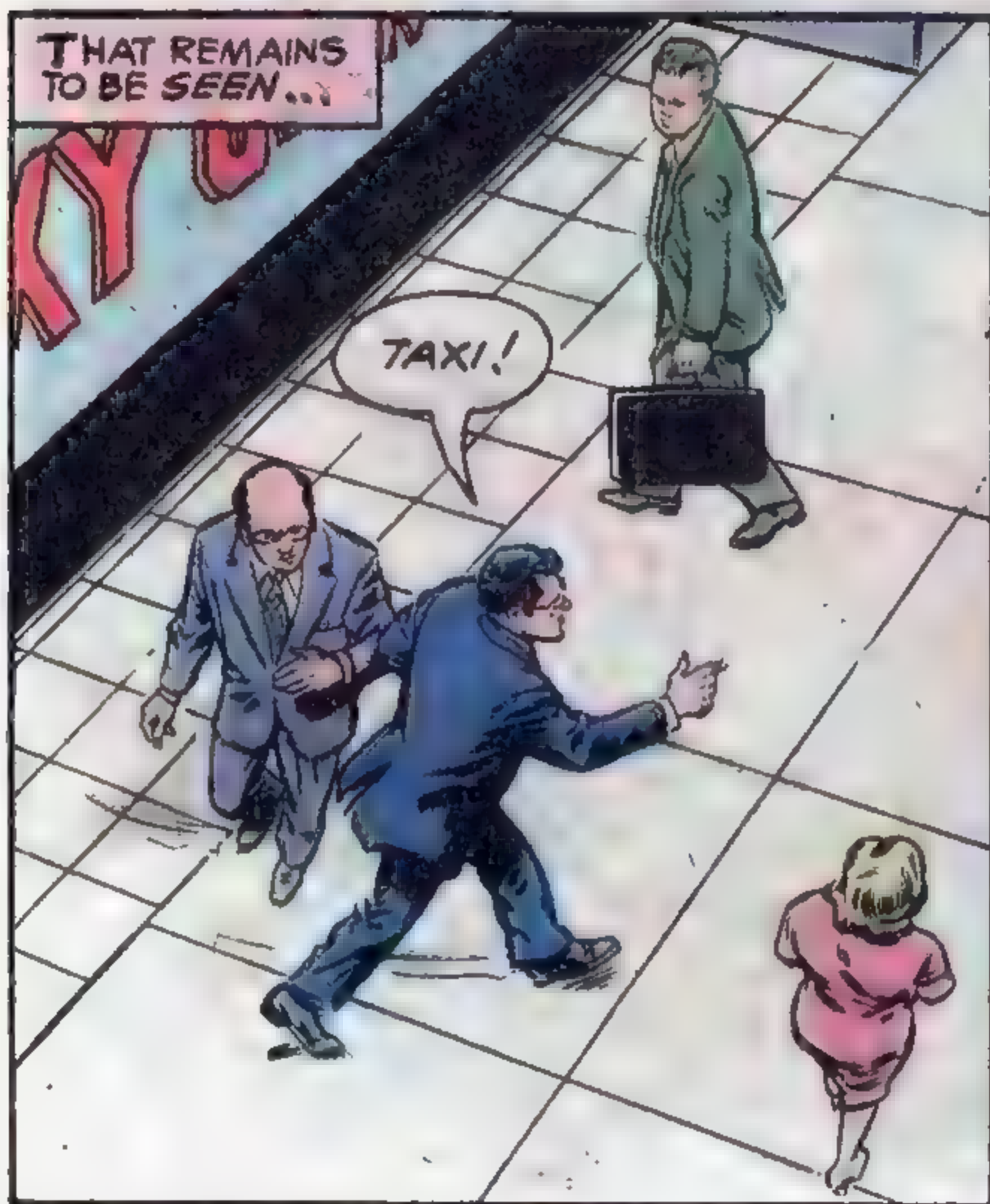
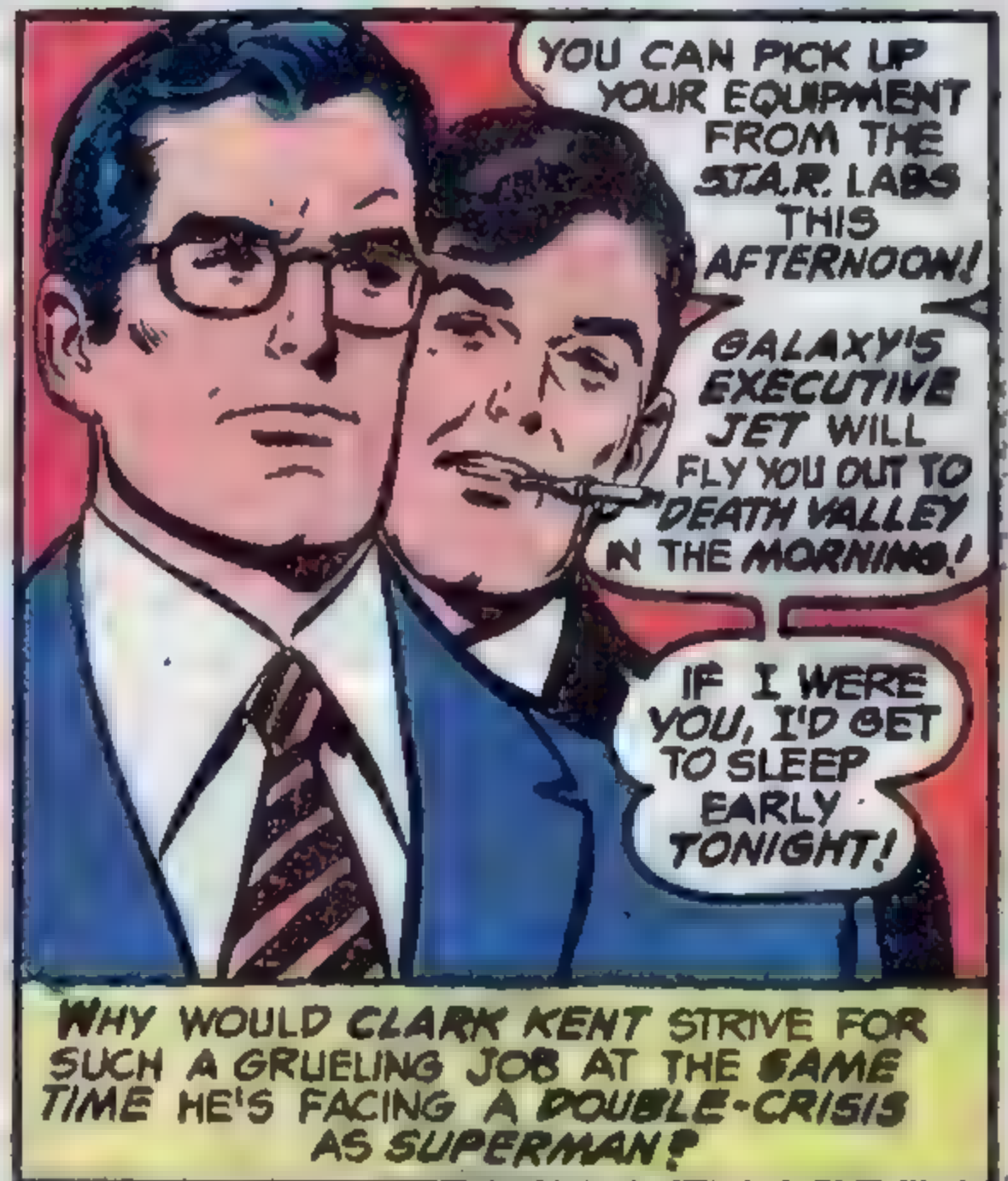
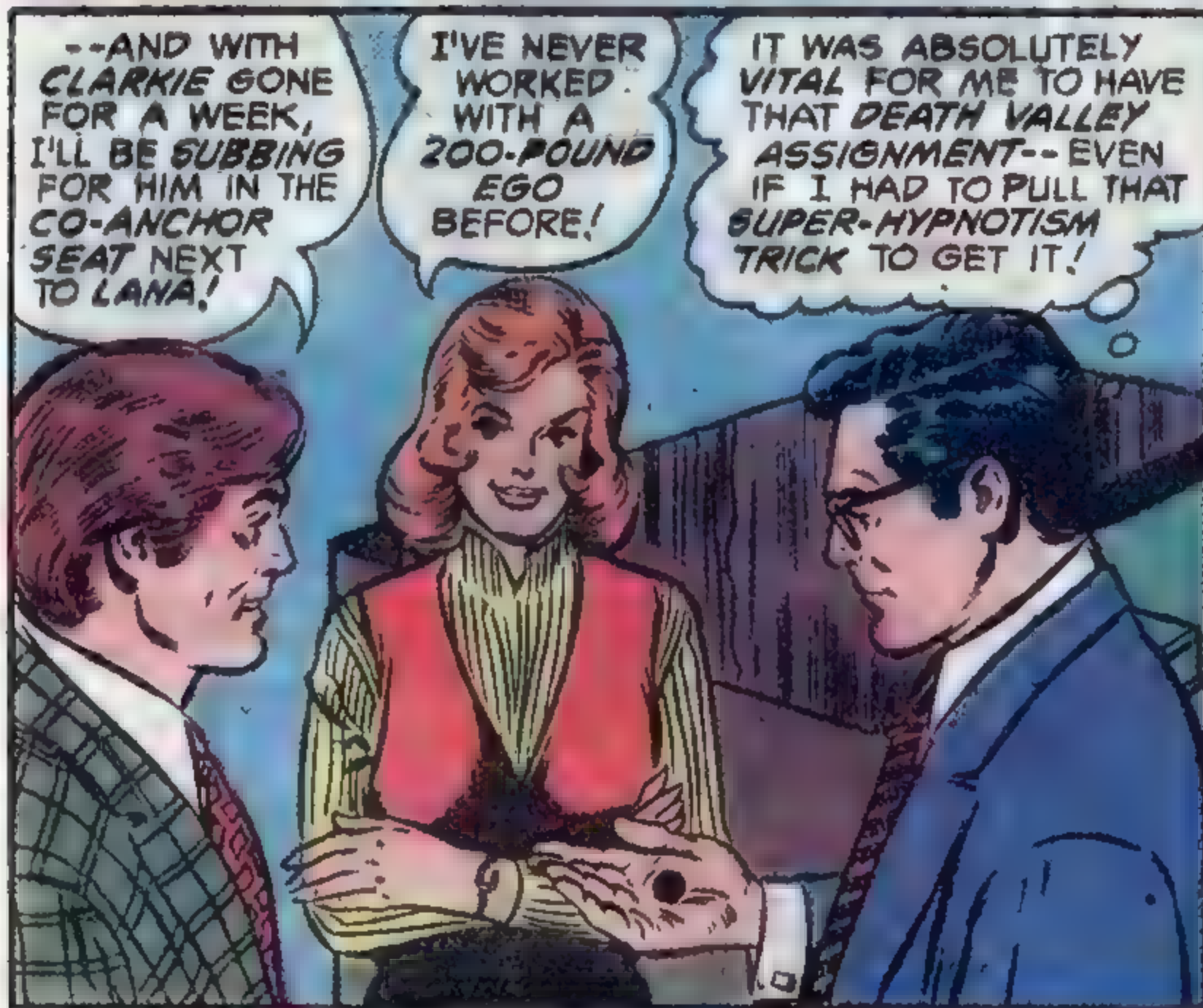
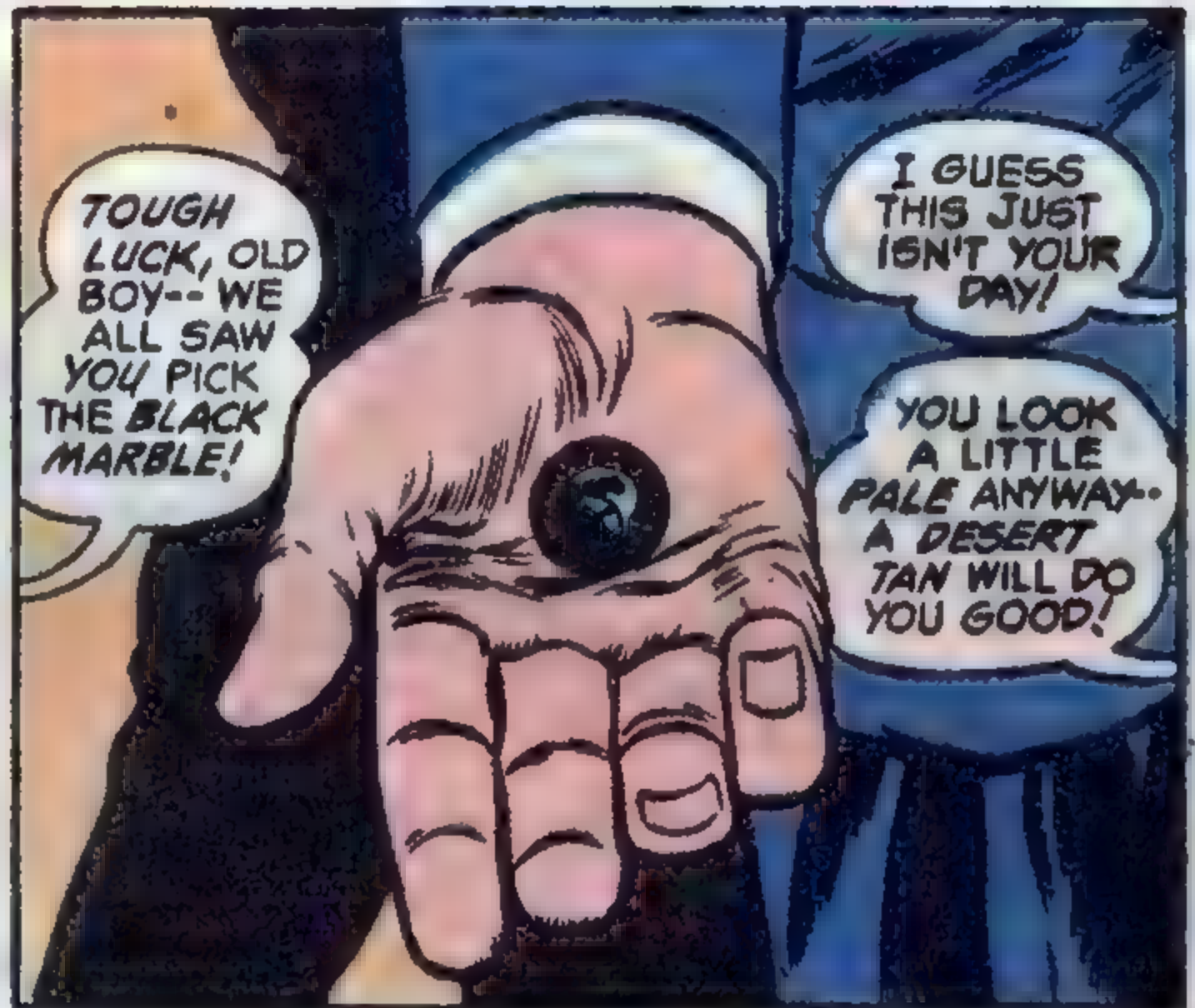
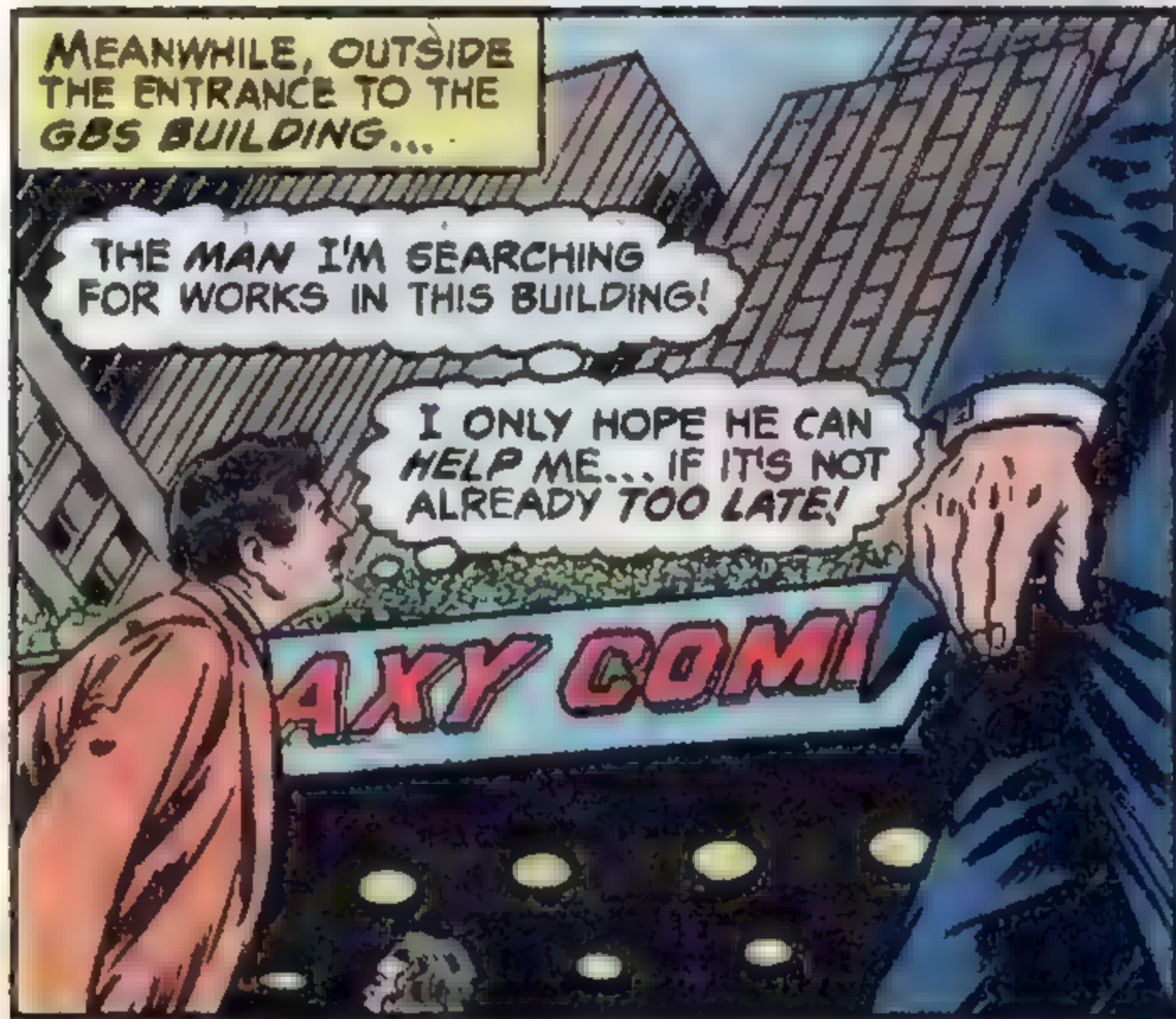
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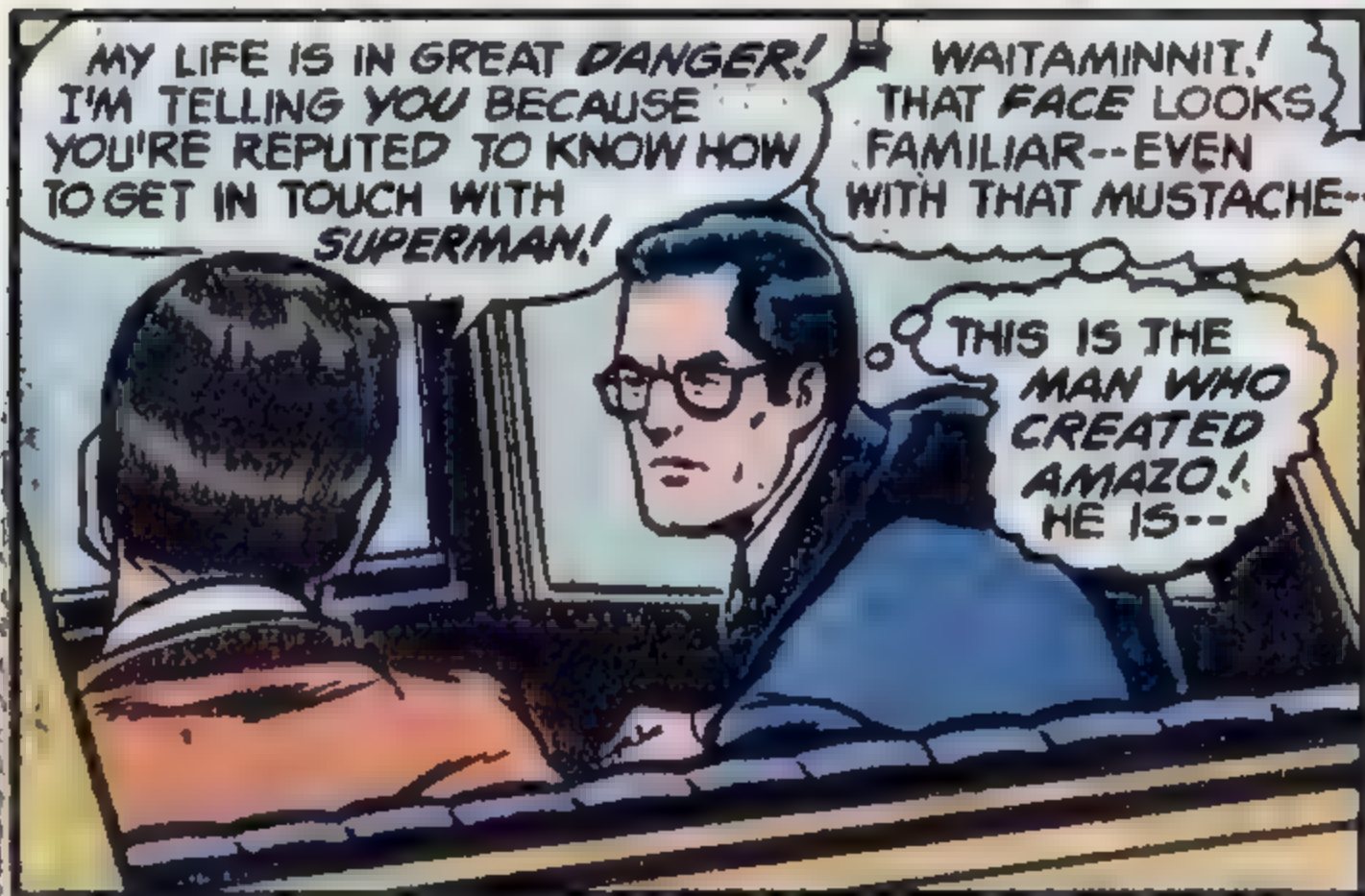
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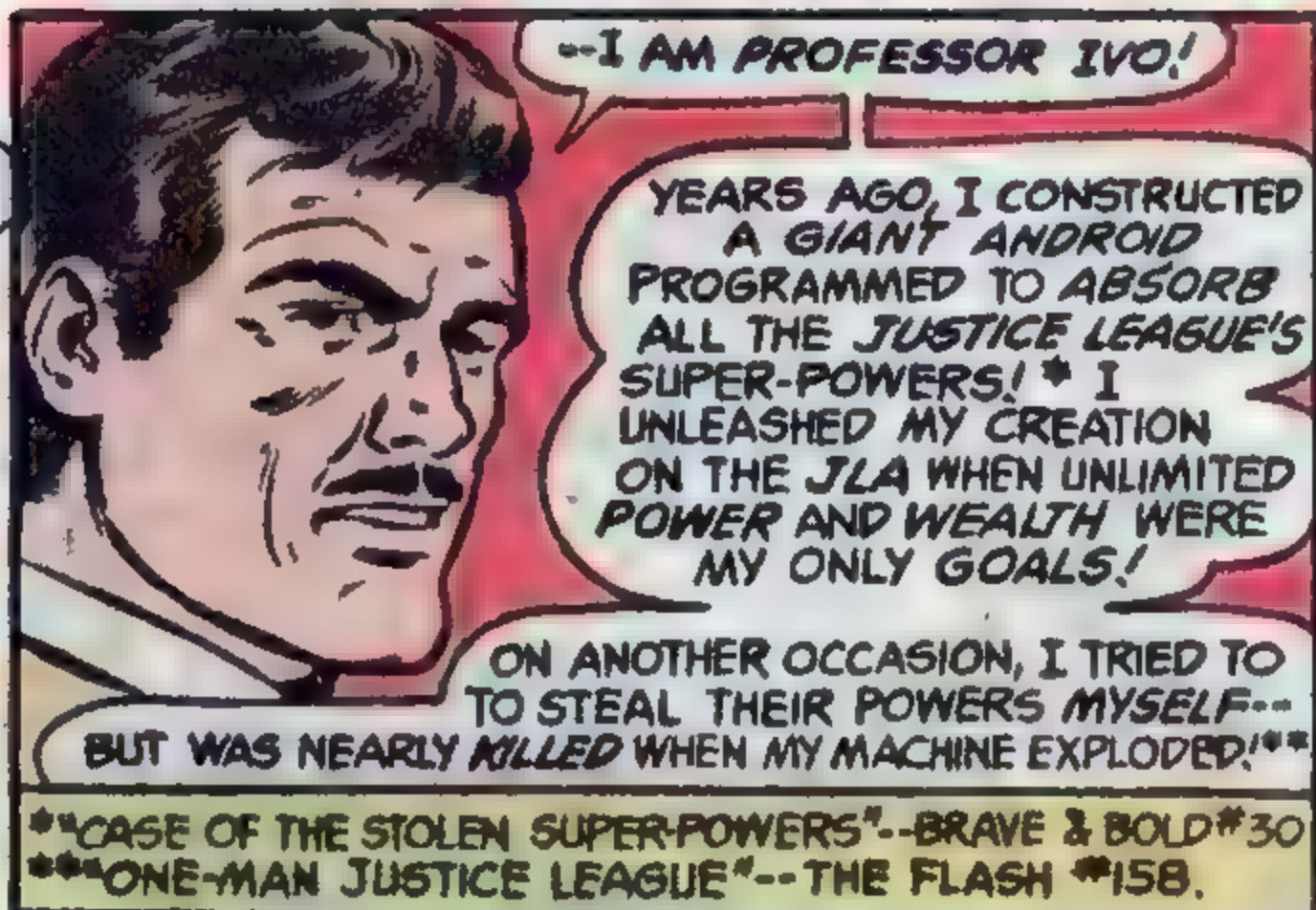




MY LIFE IS IN GREAT DANGER!  
I'M TELLING YOU BECAUSE  
YOU'RE REPUTED TO KNOW HOW  
TO GET IN TOUCH WITH  
SUPERMAN!

WAITAMINNIT!  
THAT FACE LOOKS  
FAMILIAR--EVEN  
WITH THAT MUSTACHE--!

THIS IS THE  
MAN WHO  
CREATED  
AMAZO!  
HE IS--

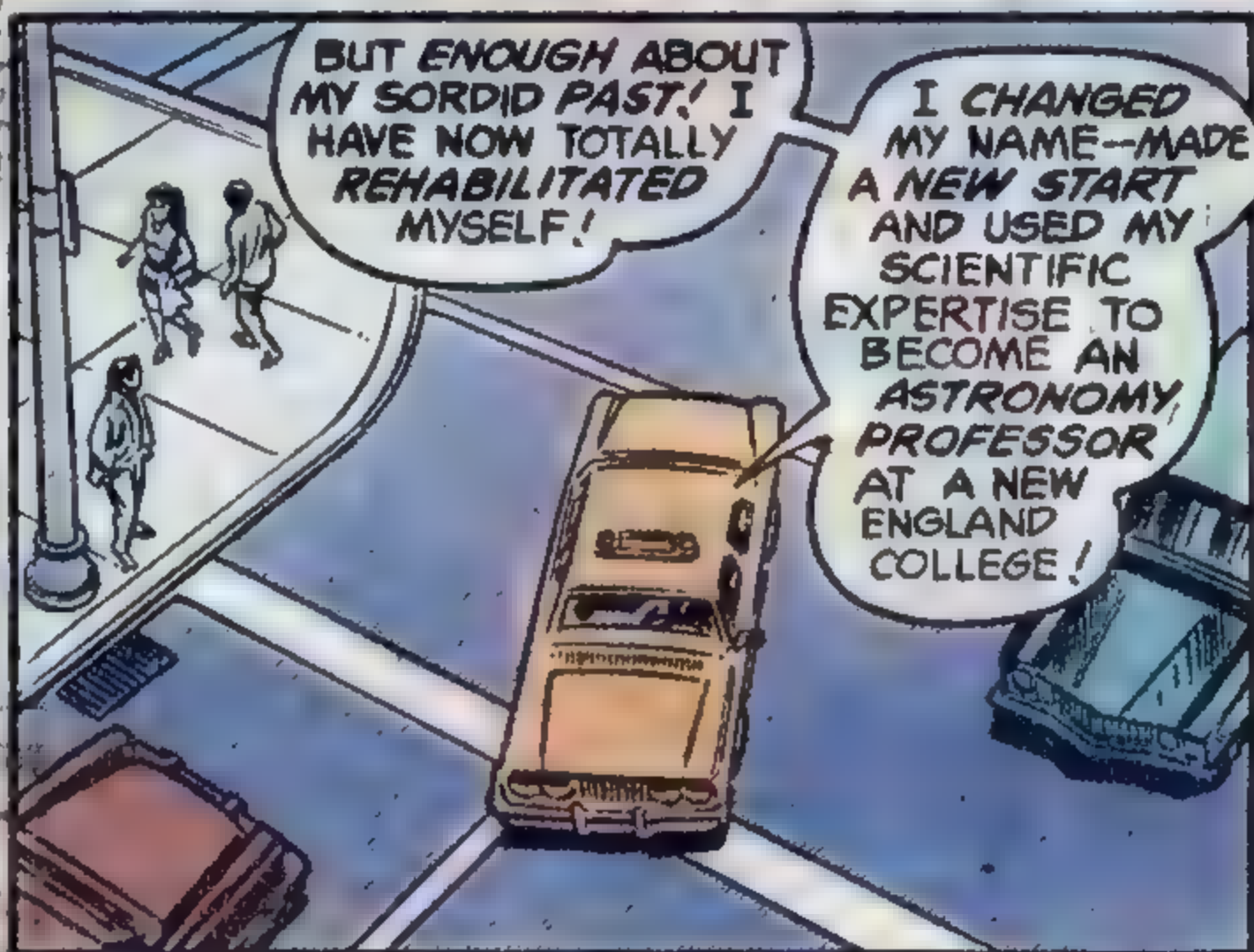


--I AM PROFESSOR IVO!

YEARS AGO, I CONSTRUCTED  
A GIANT ANDROID  
PROGRAMMED TO ABSORB  
ALL THE JUSTICE LEAGUE'S  
SUPER-POWERS! \* I  
UNLEASHED MY CREATION  
ON THE JLA WHEN UNLIMITED  
POWER AND WEALTH WERE  
MY ONLY GOALS!

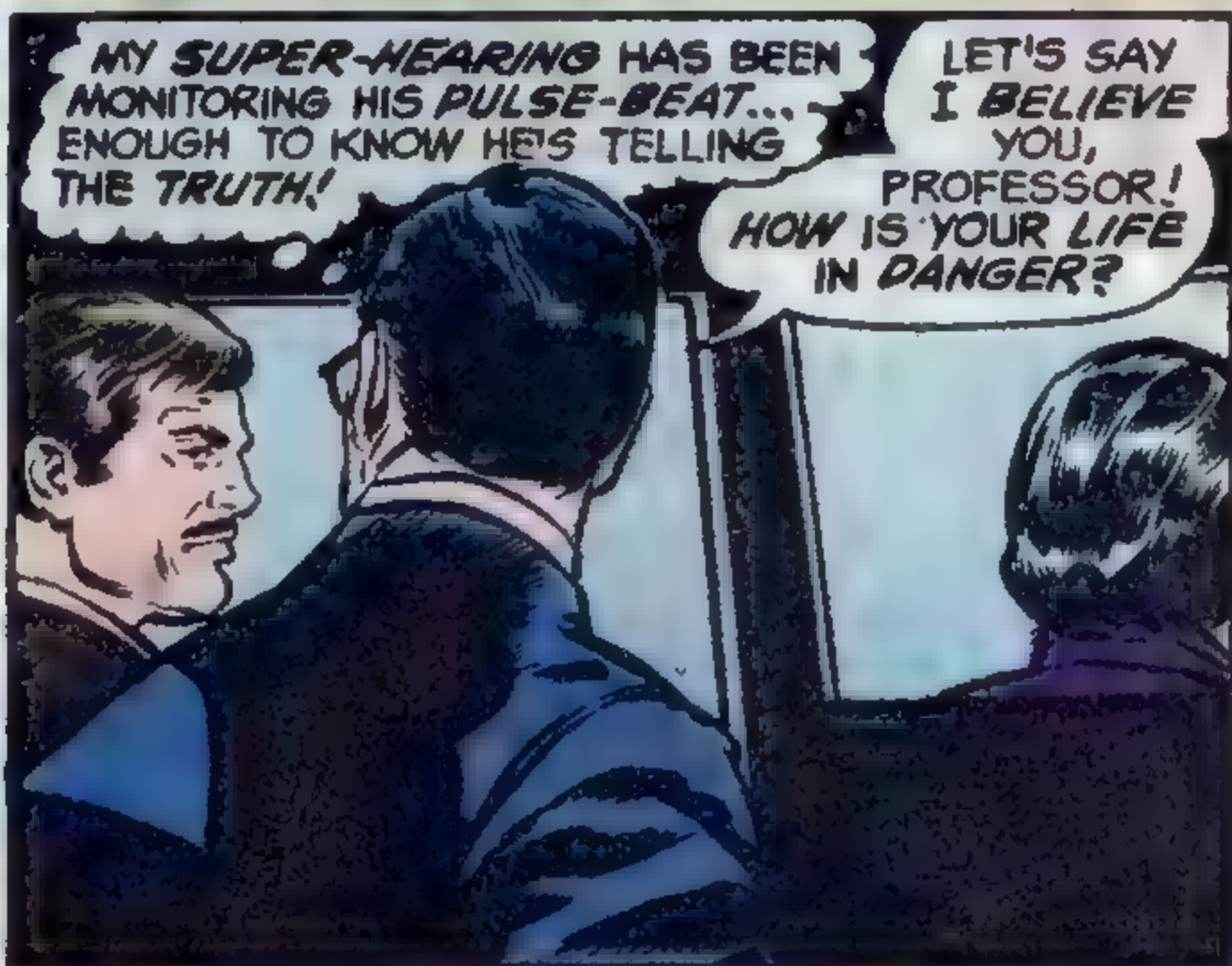
ON ANOTHER OCCASION, I TRIED TO  
TO STEAL THEIR POWERS MYSELF--  
BUT WAS NEARLY KILLED WHEN MY MACHINE EXPLODED!\*\*

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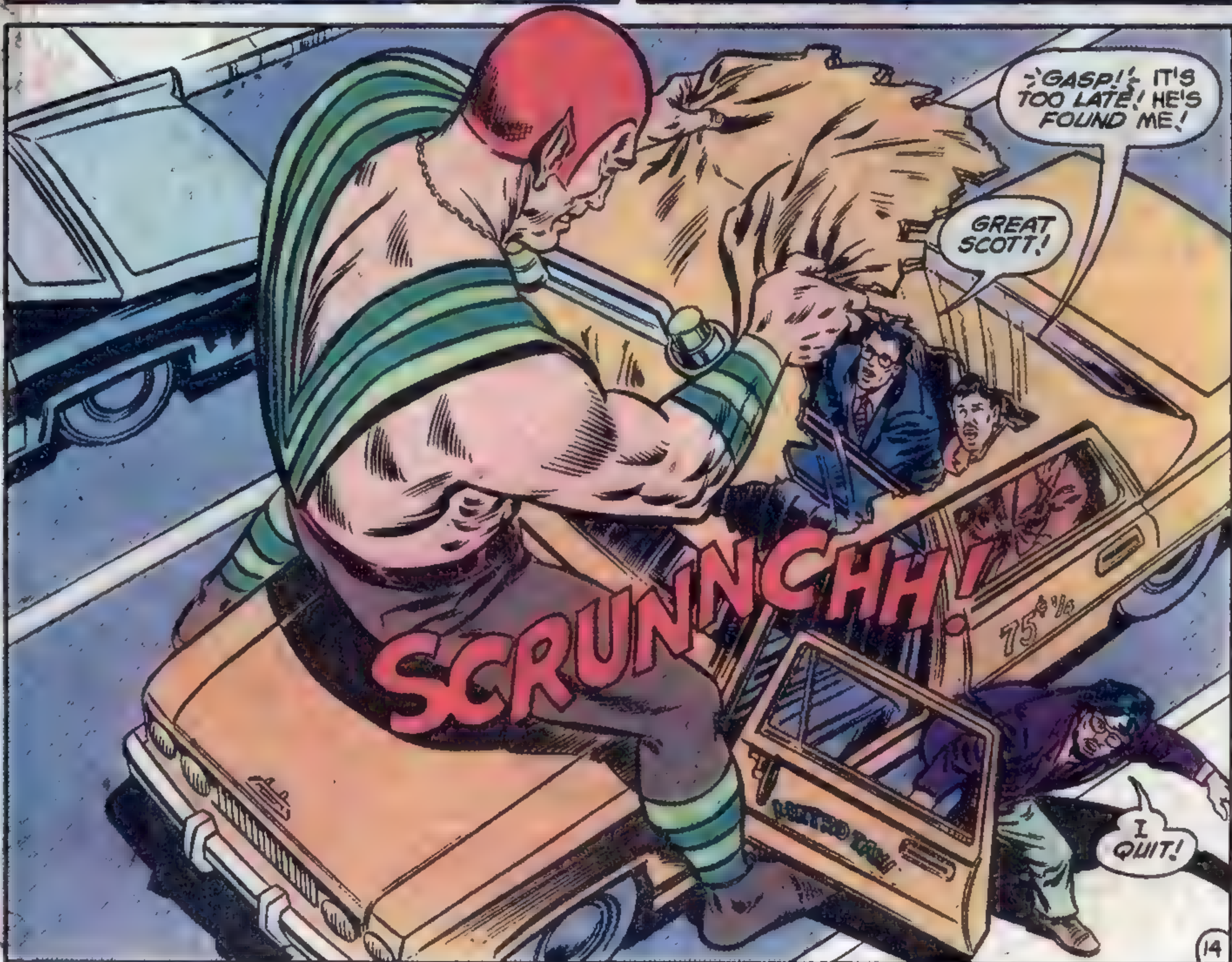
BUT ENOUGH ABOUT  
MY SORDID PAST! I  
HAVE NOW TOTALLY  
REHABILITATED  
MYSELF!

I CHANGED  
MY NAME--MADE  
A NEW START  
AND USED MY  
SCIENTIFIC  
EXPERTISE TO  
BECOME AN  
ASTRONOMY  
PROFESSOR  
AT A NEW  
ENGLAND  
COLLEGE!



MY SUPER-HEARING HAS BEEN  
MONITORING HIS PULSE-BEAT...  
ENOUGH TO KNOW HE'S TELLING  
THE TRUTH!

LET'S SAY  
I BELIEVE  
YOU,  
PROFESSOR!  
HOW IS YOUR LIFE  
IN DANGER?



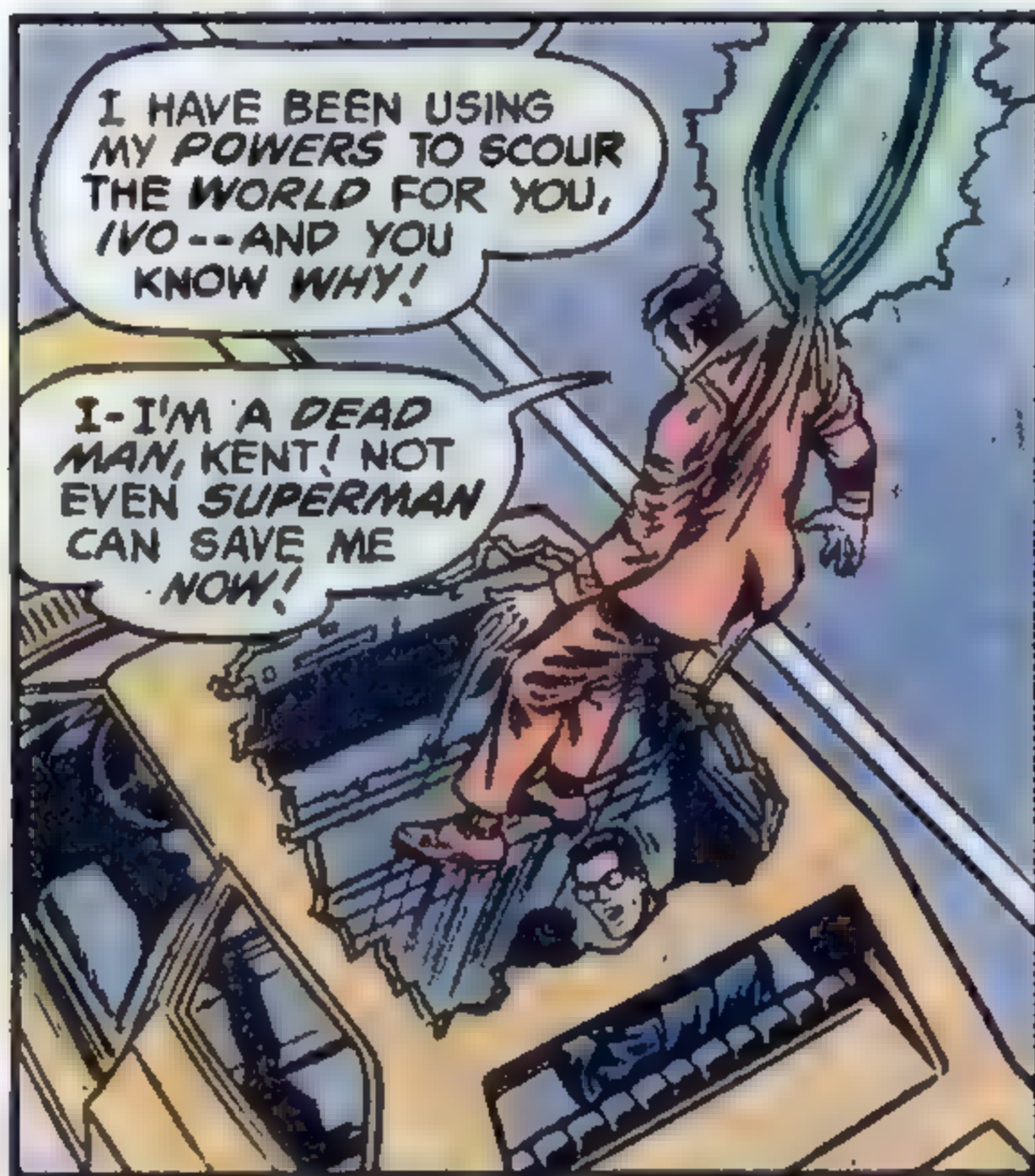
GASP! IT'S  
TOO LATE! HE'S  
FOUND ME!

GREAT  
SCOTT!

SCRUNCHH!

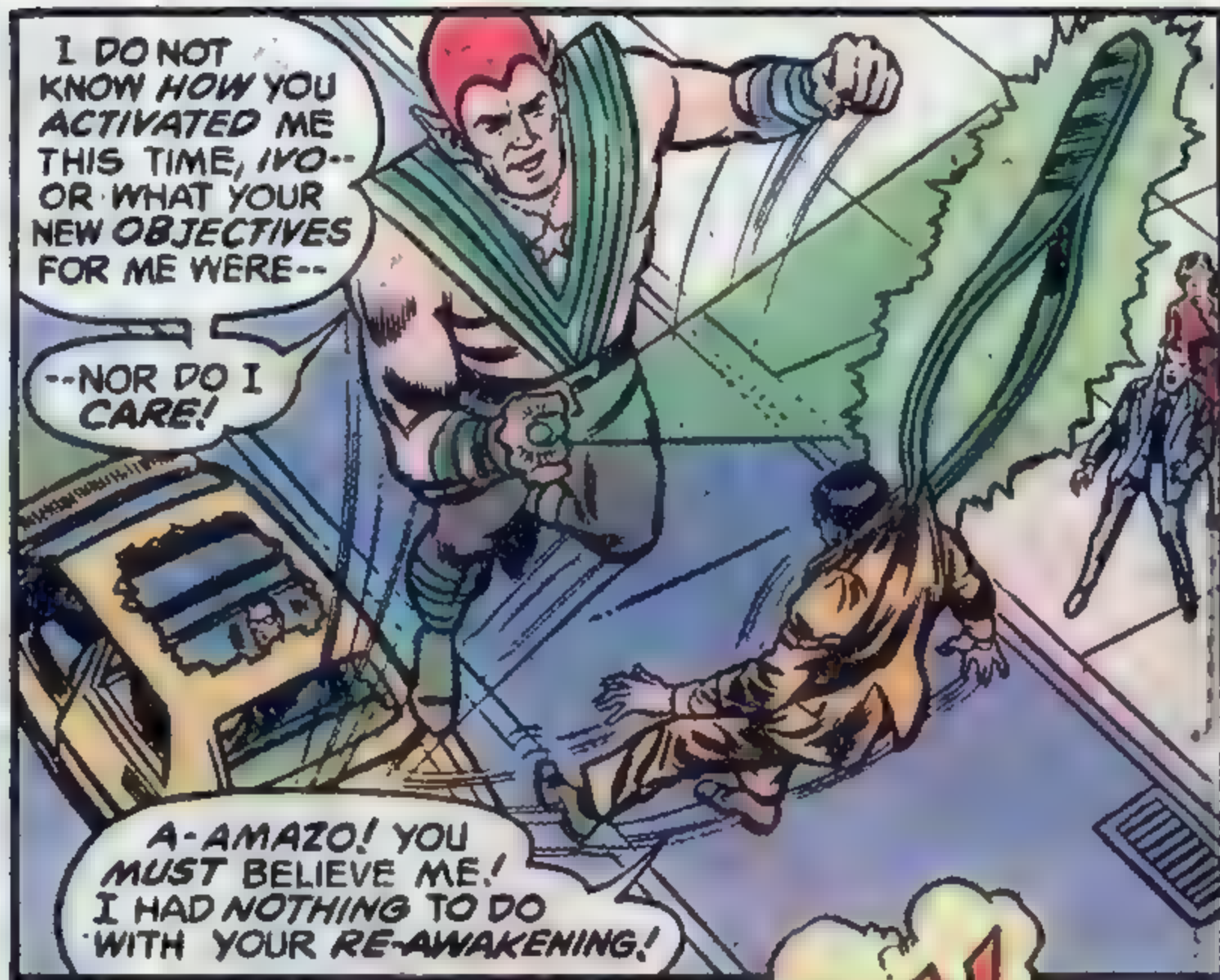
I  
QUIT!





I HAVE BEEN USING MY POWERS TO SCOUR THE WORLD FOR YOU, IVO--AND YOU KNOW WHY!

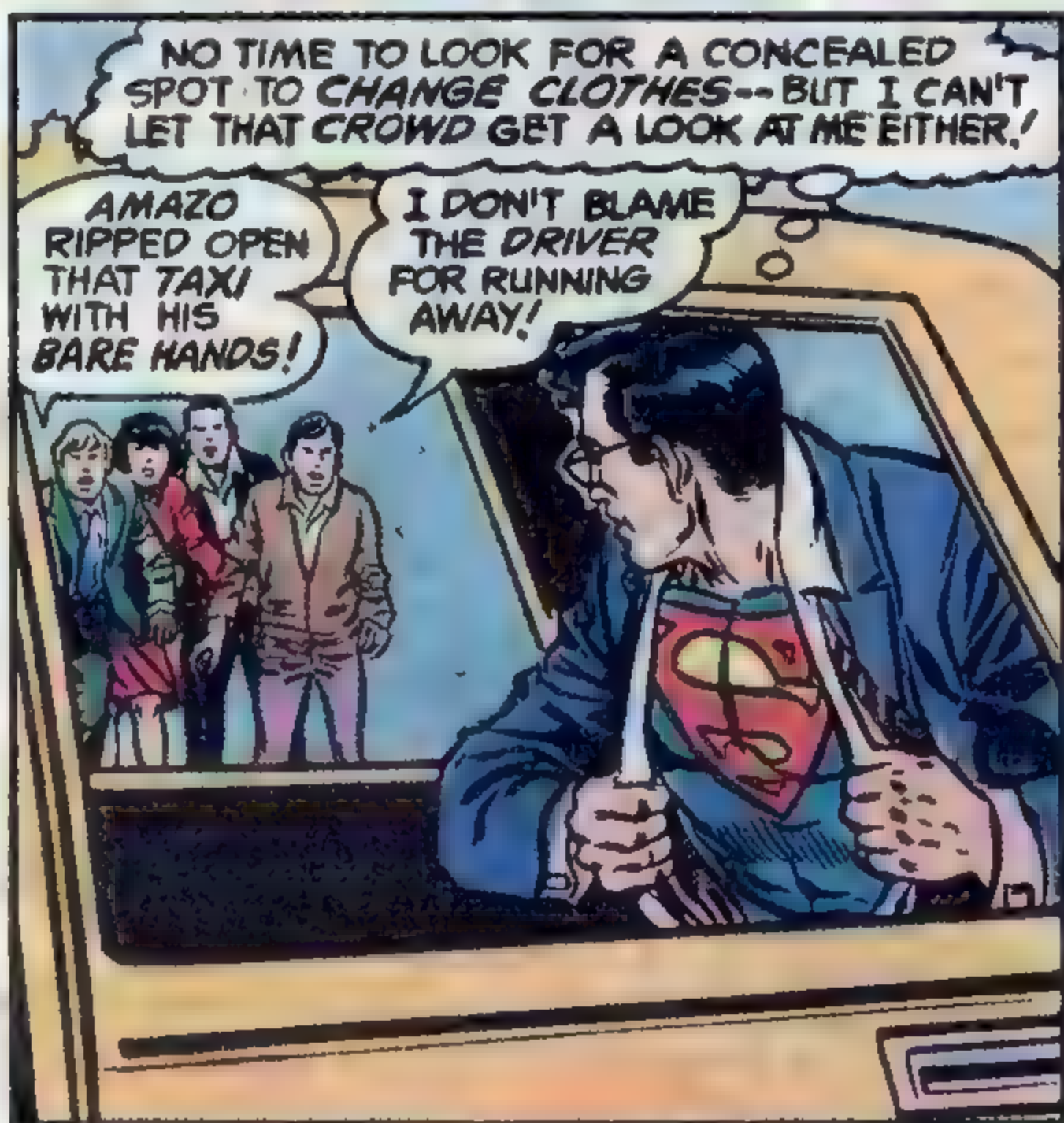
I-I'M A DEAD MAN, KENT! NOT EVEN SUPERMAN CAN SAVE ME NOW!



I DO NOT KNOW HOW YOU ACTIVATED ME THIS TIME, IVO--OR WHAT YOUR NEW OBJECTIVES FOR ME WERE--

--NOR DO I CARE!

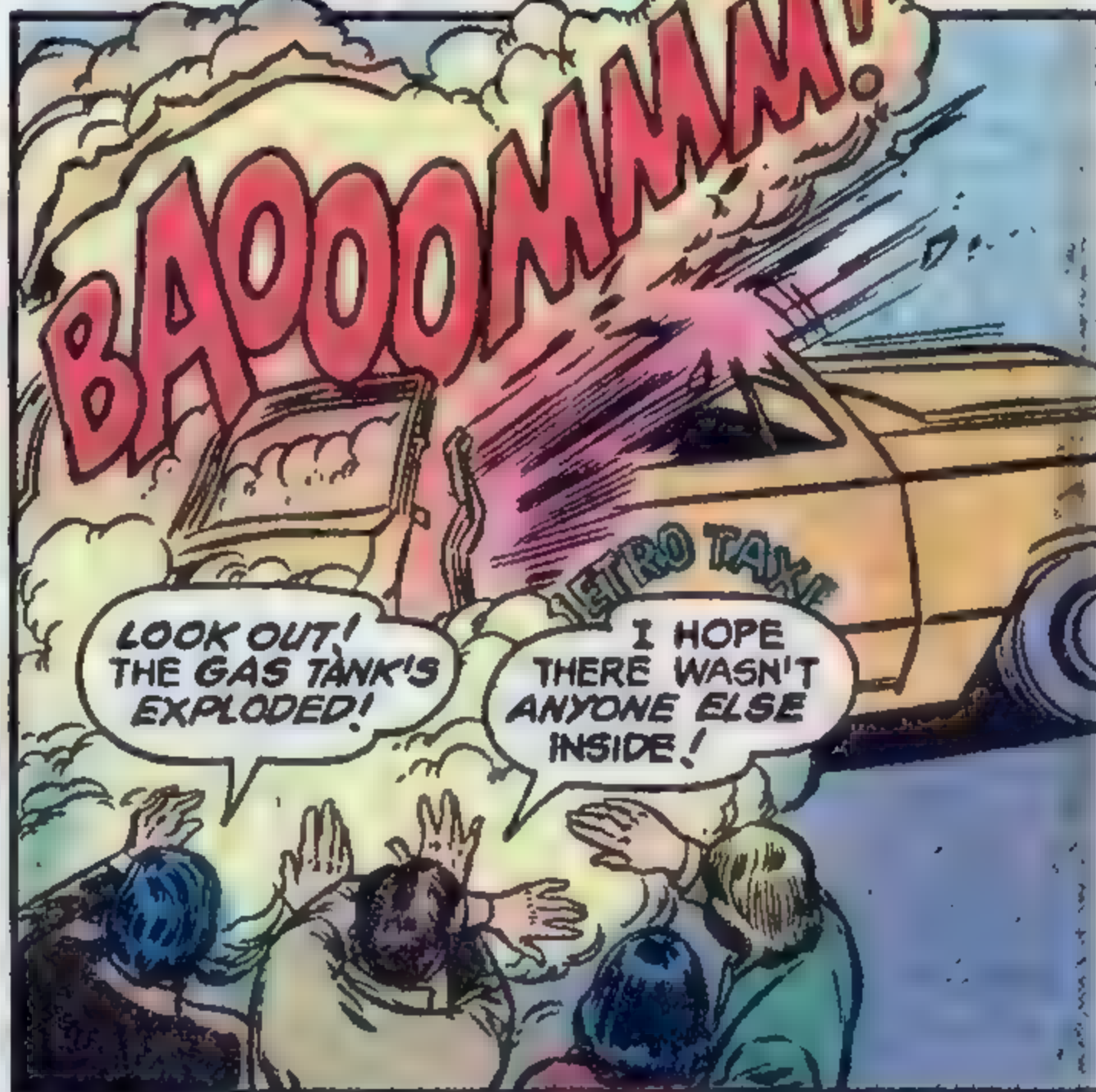
A-AMAZO! YOU MUST BELIEVE ME! I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR RE-AWAKENING!



NO TIME TO LOOK FOR A CONCEALED SPOT TO CHANGE CLOTHES--BUT I CAN'T LET THAT CROWD GET A LOOK AT ME EITHER!

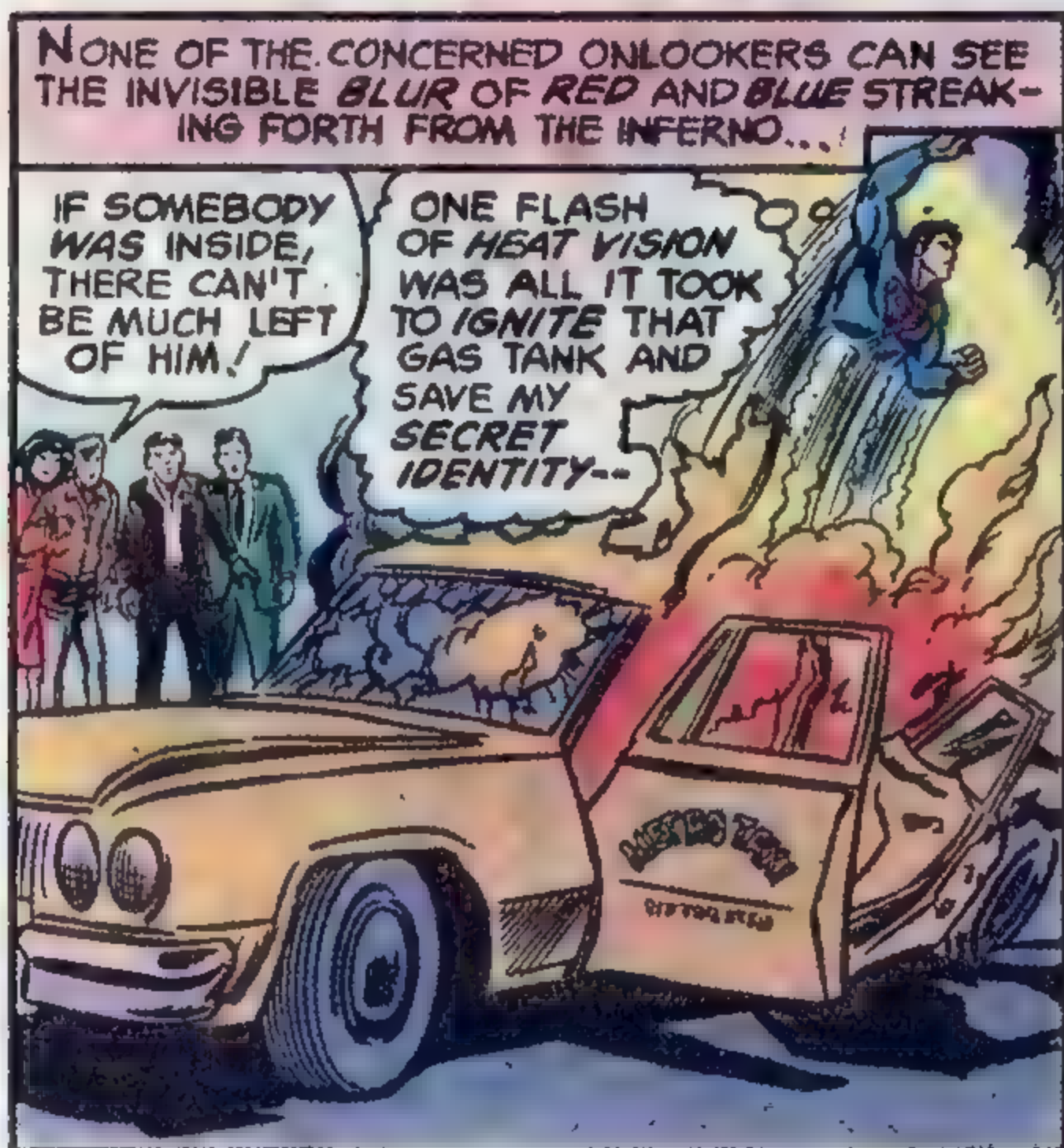
AMAZO RIPPED OPEN THAT TAXI WITH HIS BARE HANDS!

I DON'T BLAME THE DRIVER FOR RUNNING AWAY!



LOOK OUT! THE GAS TANK'S EXPLODED!

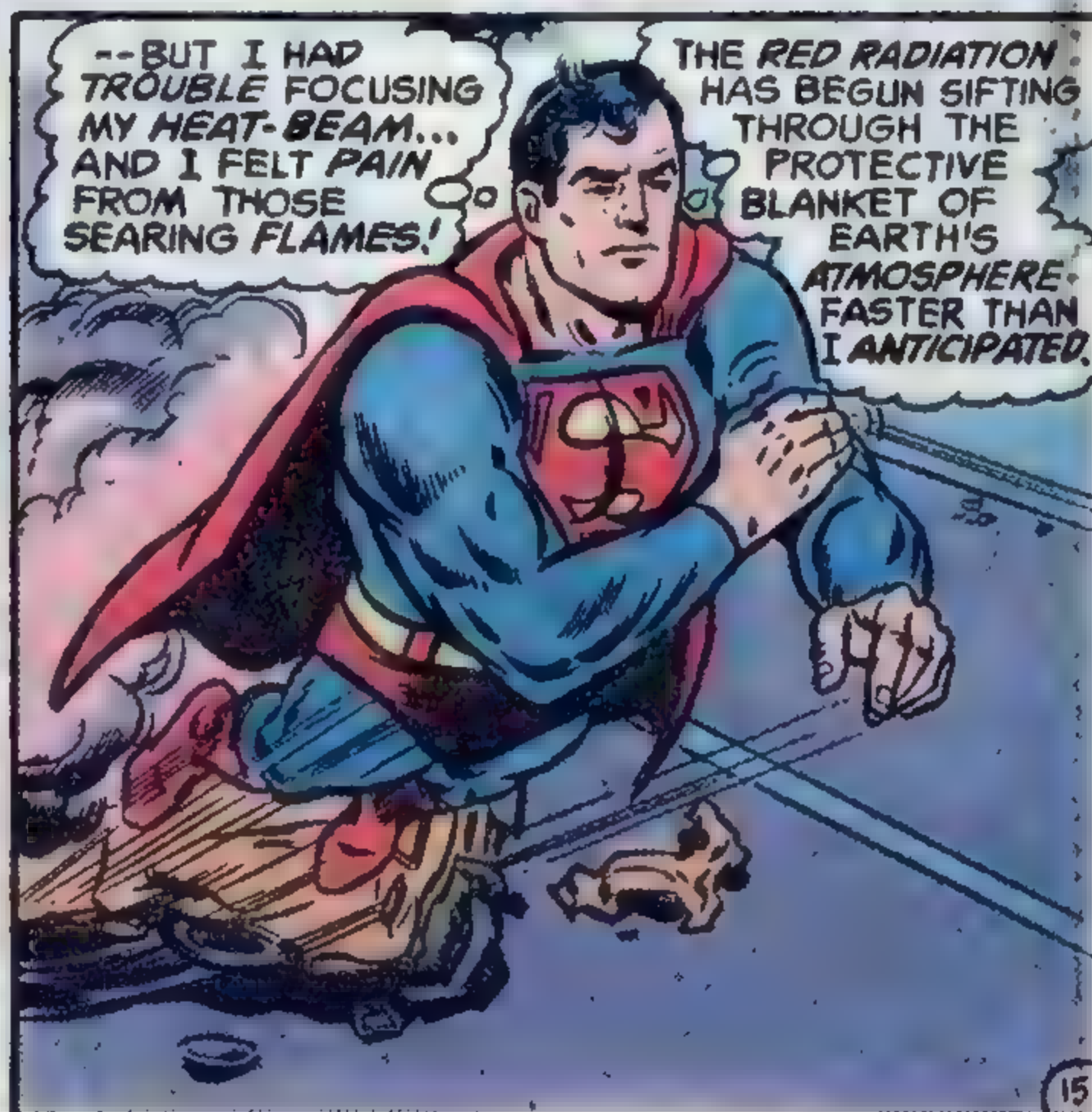
I HOPE THERE WASN'T ANYONE ELSE INSIDE!



NONE OF THE CONCERNED ONLOOKERS CAN SEE THE INVISIBLE BLUR OF RED AND BLUE STREAKING FORTH FROM THE INFERNO...

IF SOMEBODY WAS INSIDE, THERE CAN'T BE MUCH LEFT OF HIM!

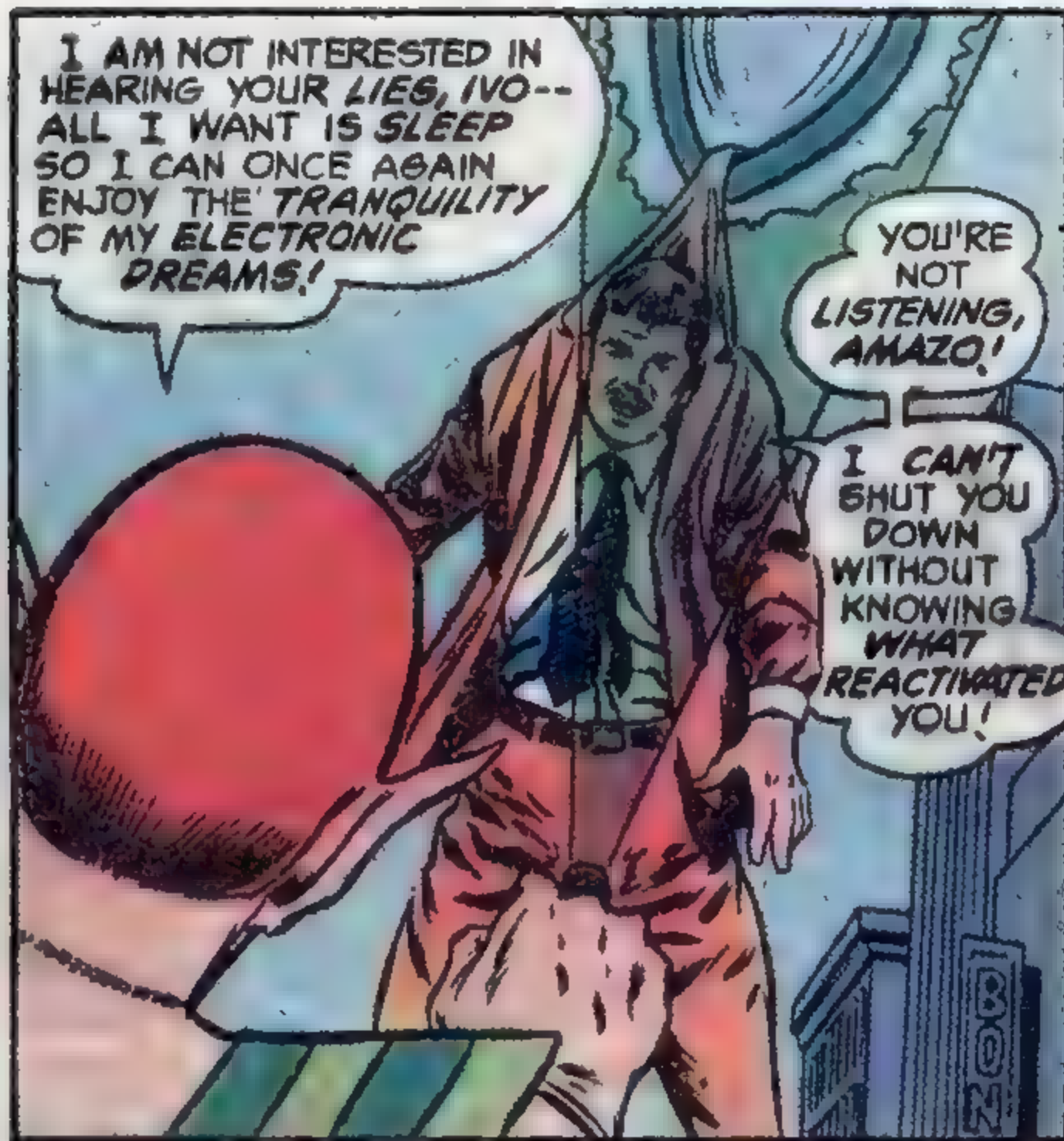
ONE FLASH OF HEAT VISION WAS ALL IT TOOK TO IGNITE THAT GAS TANK AND SAVE MY SECRET IDENTITY--



--BUT I HAD TROUBLE FOCUSING MY HEAT-BEAM... AND I FELT PAIN FROM THOSE SEARING FLAMES!

THE RED RADIATION HAS BEGUN SIFTING THROUGH THE PROTECTIVE BLANKET OF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE--FASTER THAN I ANTICIPATED.





I AM NOT INTERESTED IN HEARING YOUR LIES, IVO-- ALL I WANT IS SLEEP SO I CAN ONCE AGAIN ENJOY THE TRANQUILITY OF MY ELECTRONIC DREAMS!

YOU'RE NOT LISTENING, AMAZO!

I CAN'T SHUT YOU DOWN WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT REACTIVATED YOU!



VERY WELL! I WILL FORCE THE INFORMATION FROM YOU--OR CRUSH THE LIFE OUT OF YOUR BODY--

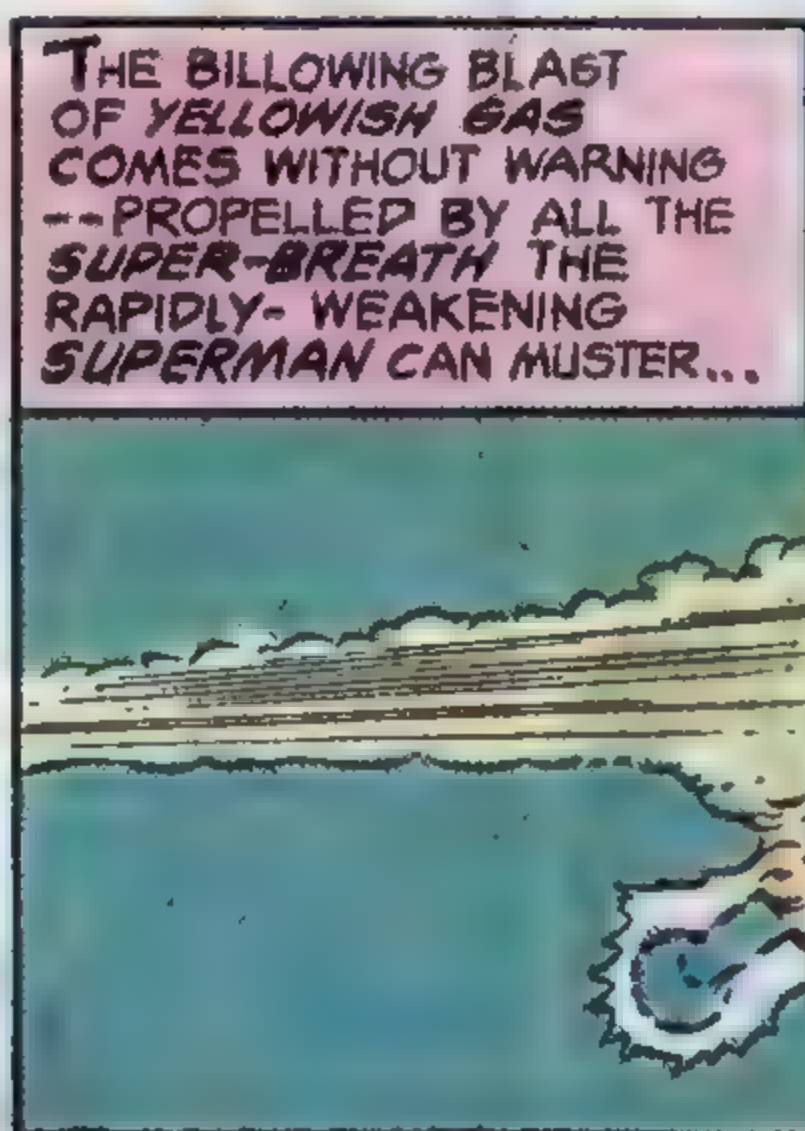
--WHICHEVER COMES FIRST!

UHHH... CAN'T BREATHE...

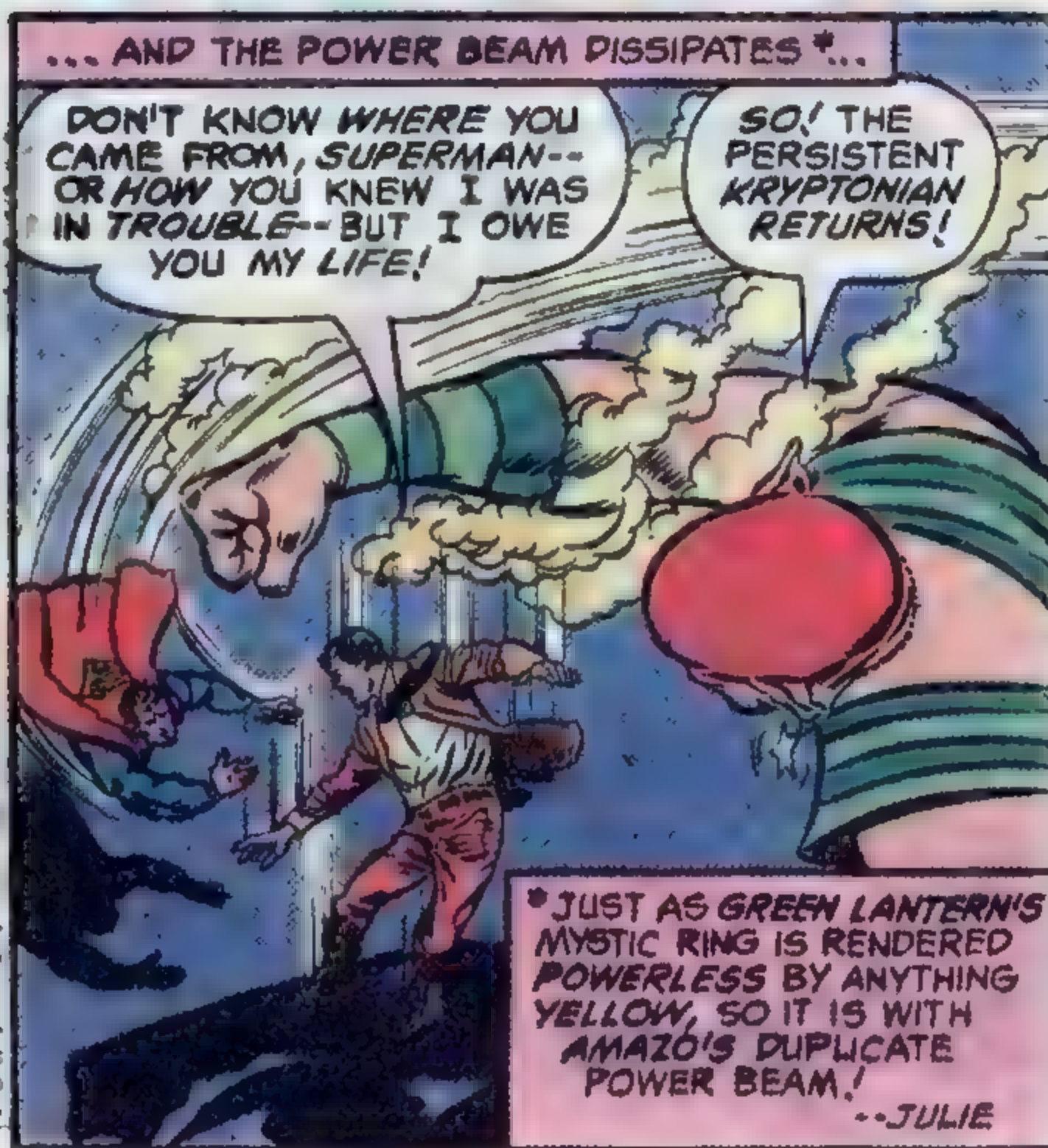
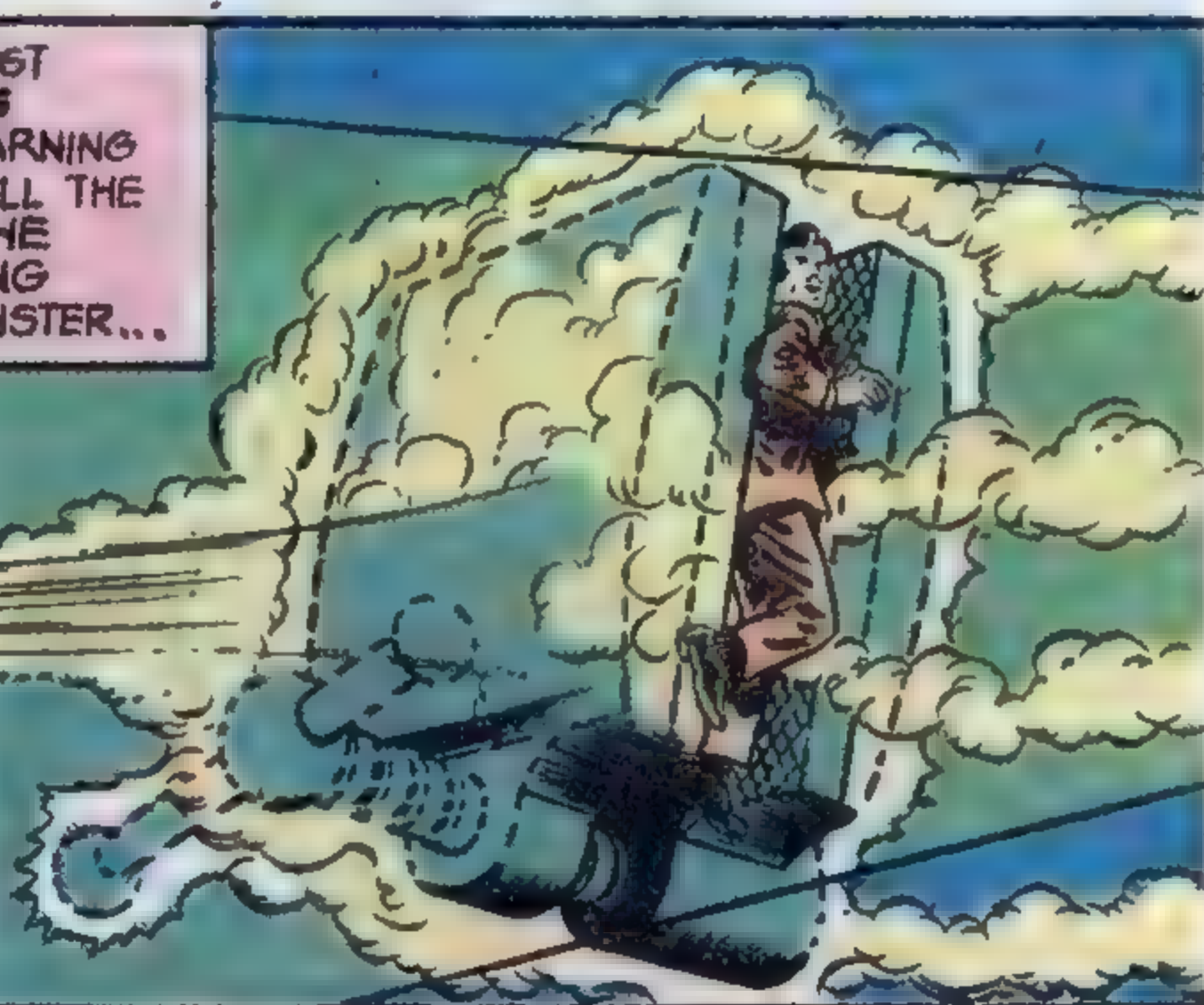


THIS SULFUR GAS I INHALED FROM A NEARBY FACTORY WON'T EXACTLY HELP IVO'S BREATHING--

--BUT IT OUGHT TO SAVE HIS LIFE!



THE BILLOWING BLAST OF YELLOWISH GAS COMES WITHOUT WARNING --PROPELLED BY ALL THE SUPER-BREATH THE RAPIDLY- WEAKENING SUPERMAN CAN MUSTER...



... AND THE POWER BEAM DISSIPATES \*

DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM, SUPERMAN-- OR HOW YOU KNEW I WAS IN TROUBLE--BUT I OWE YOU MY LIFE!

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\*JUST AS GREEN LANTERN'S MYSTIC RING IS RENDERED POWERLESS BY ANYTHING YELLOW, SO IT IS WITH AMAZO'S DUPLICATE POWER BEAM!

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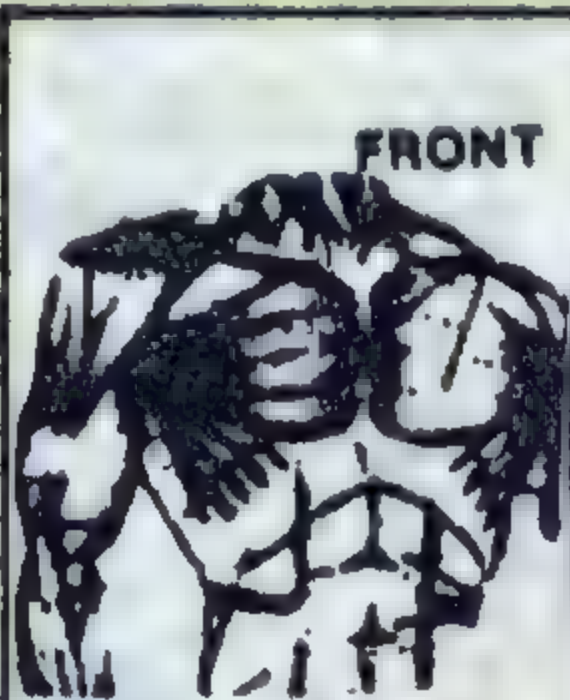
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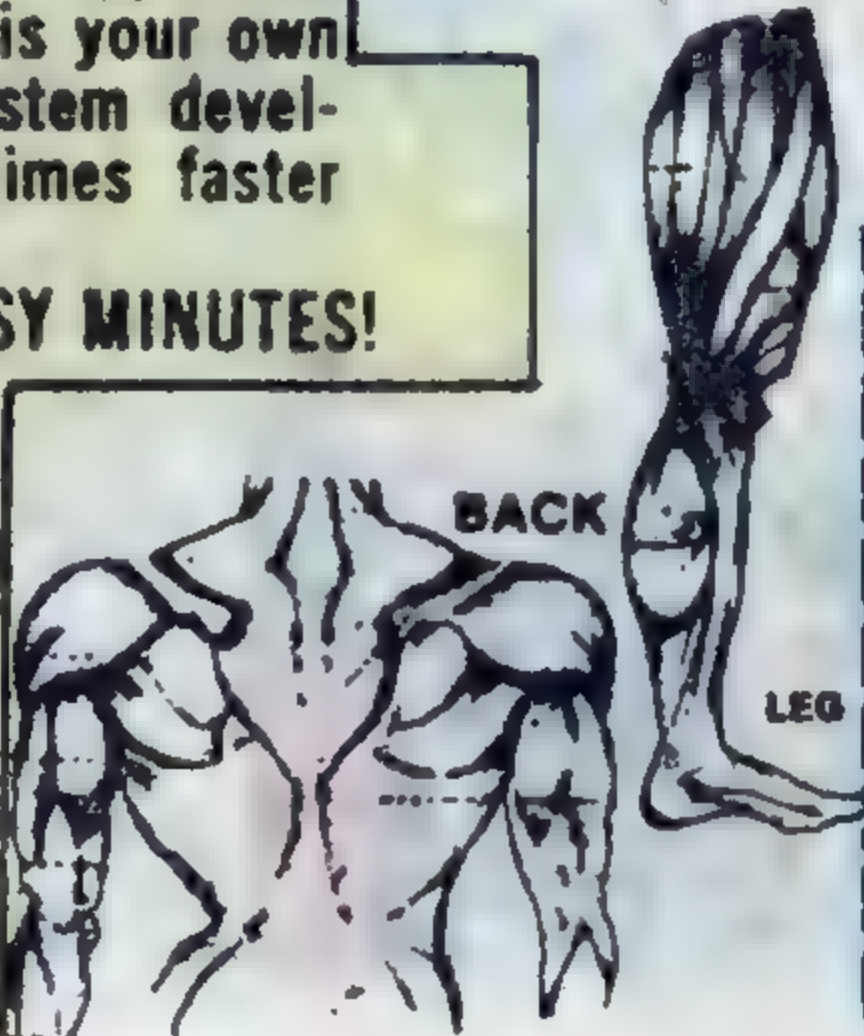
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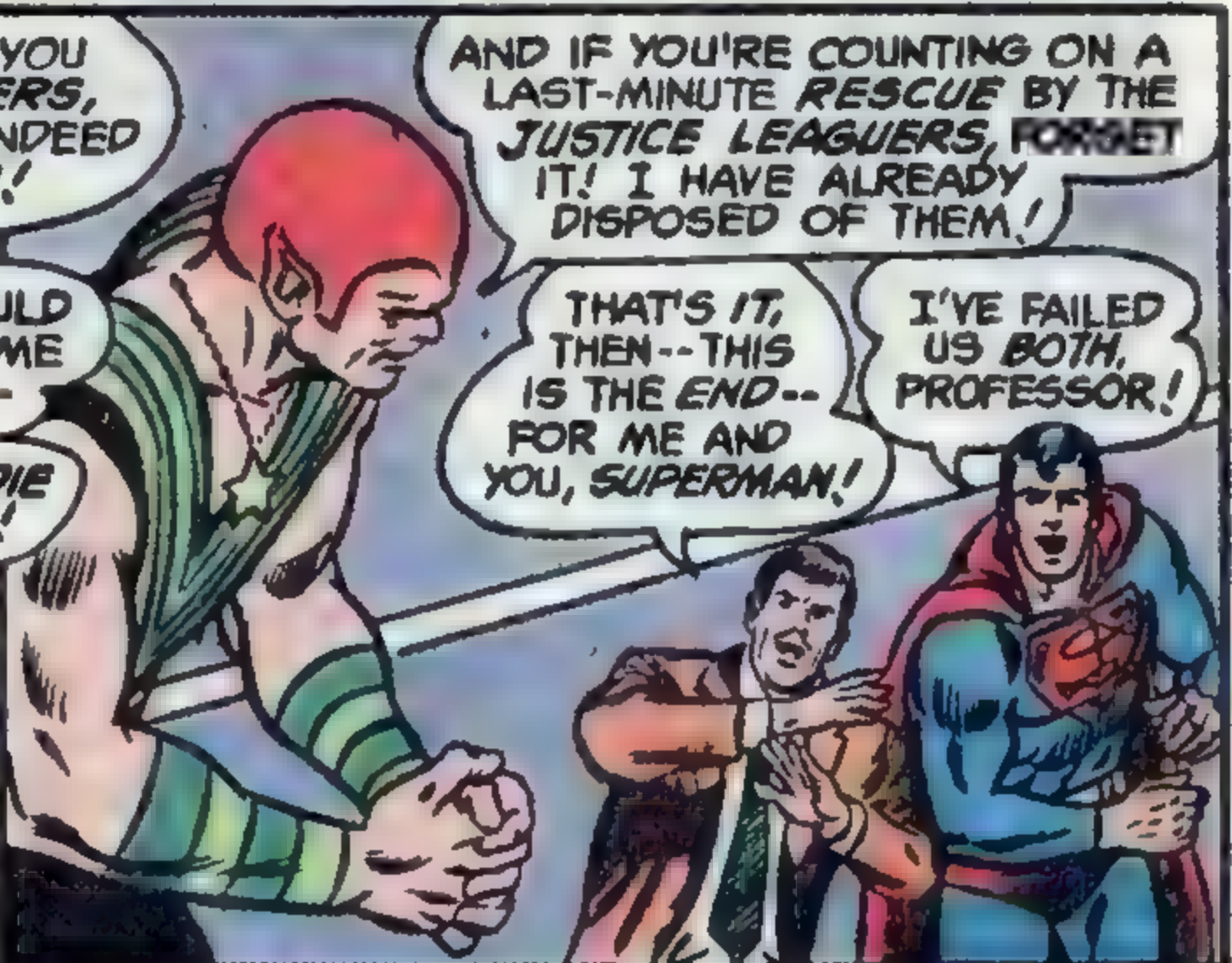
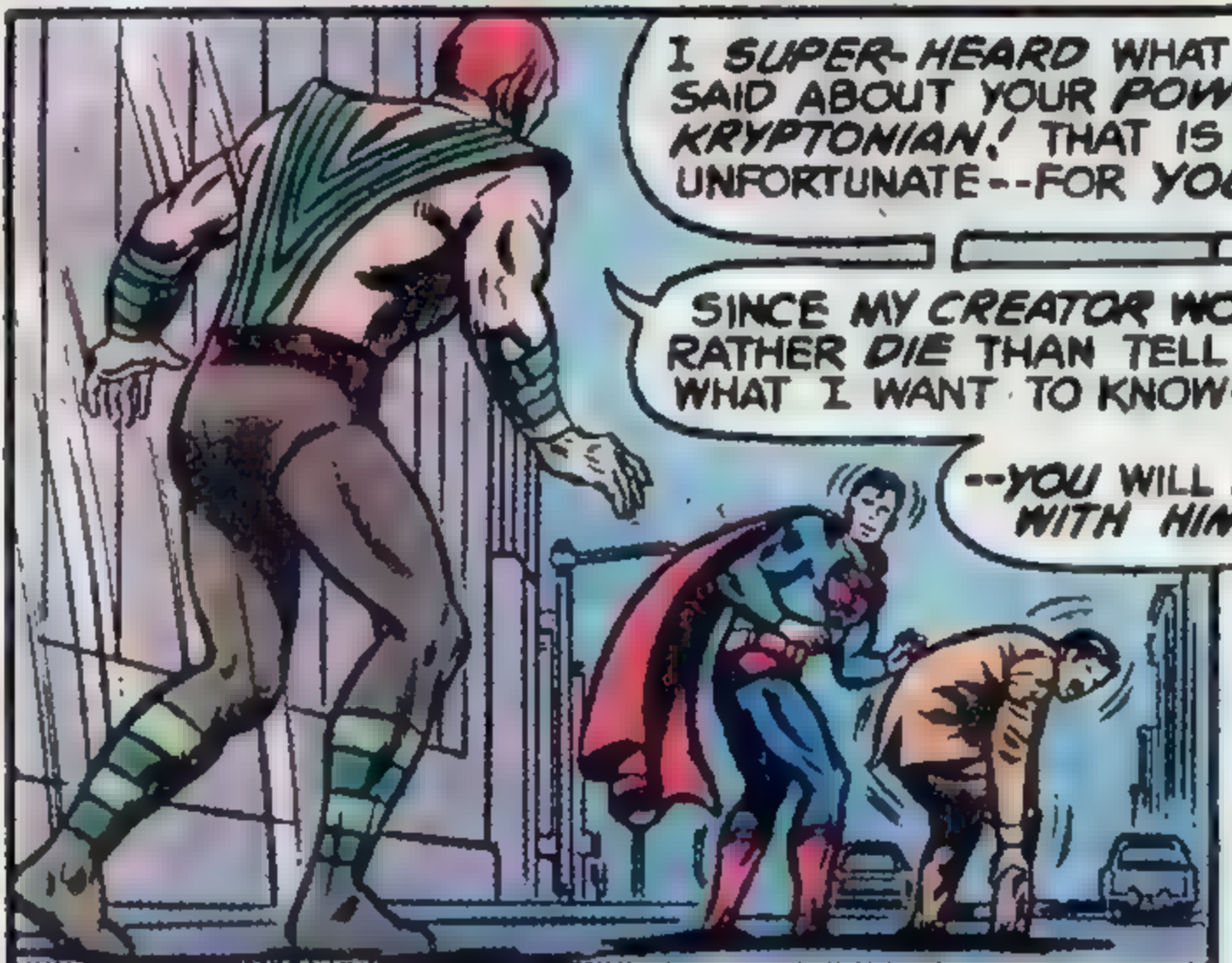
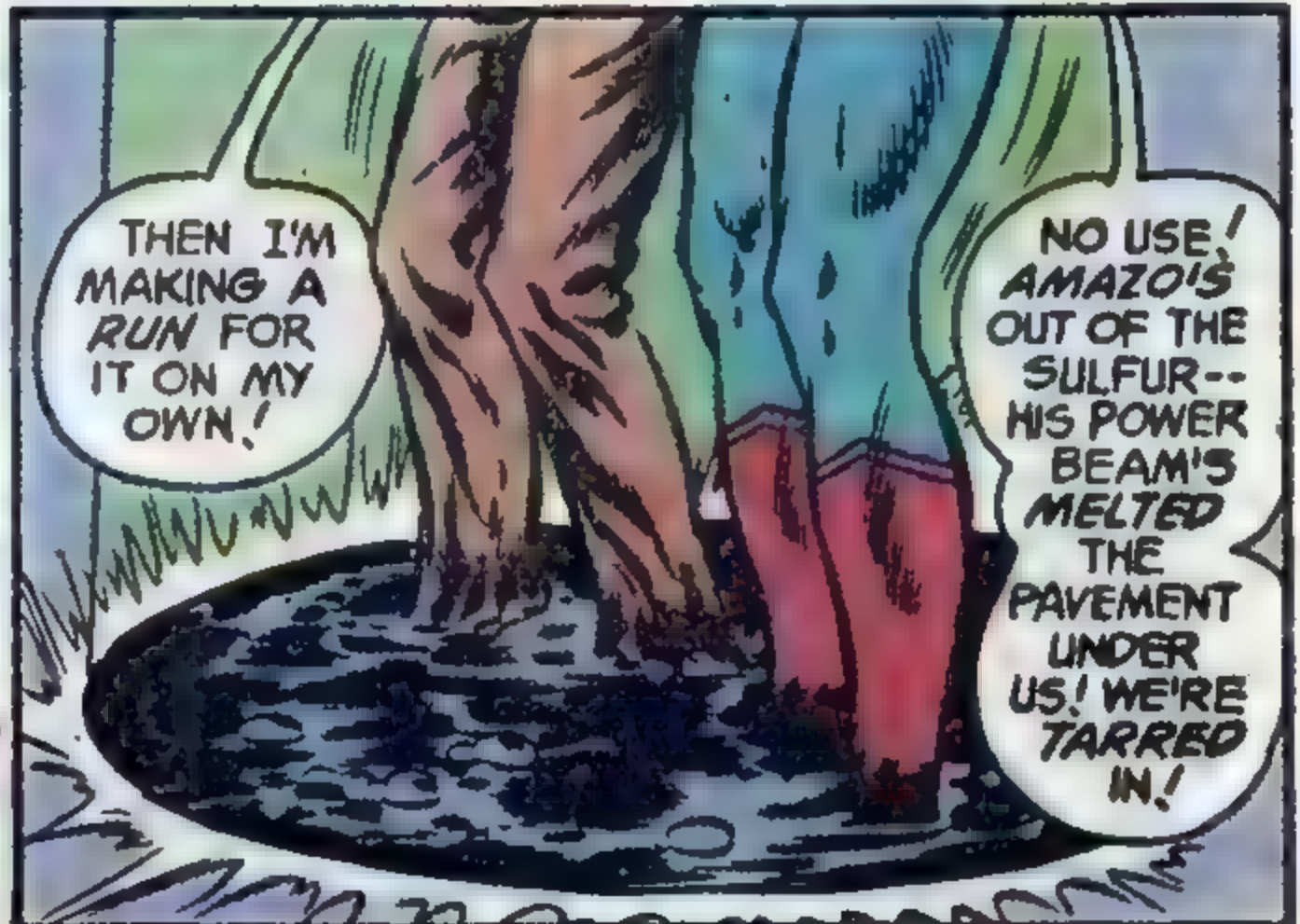
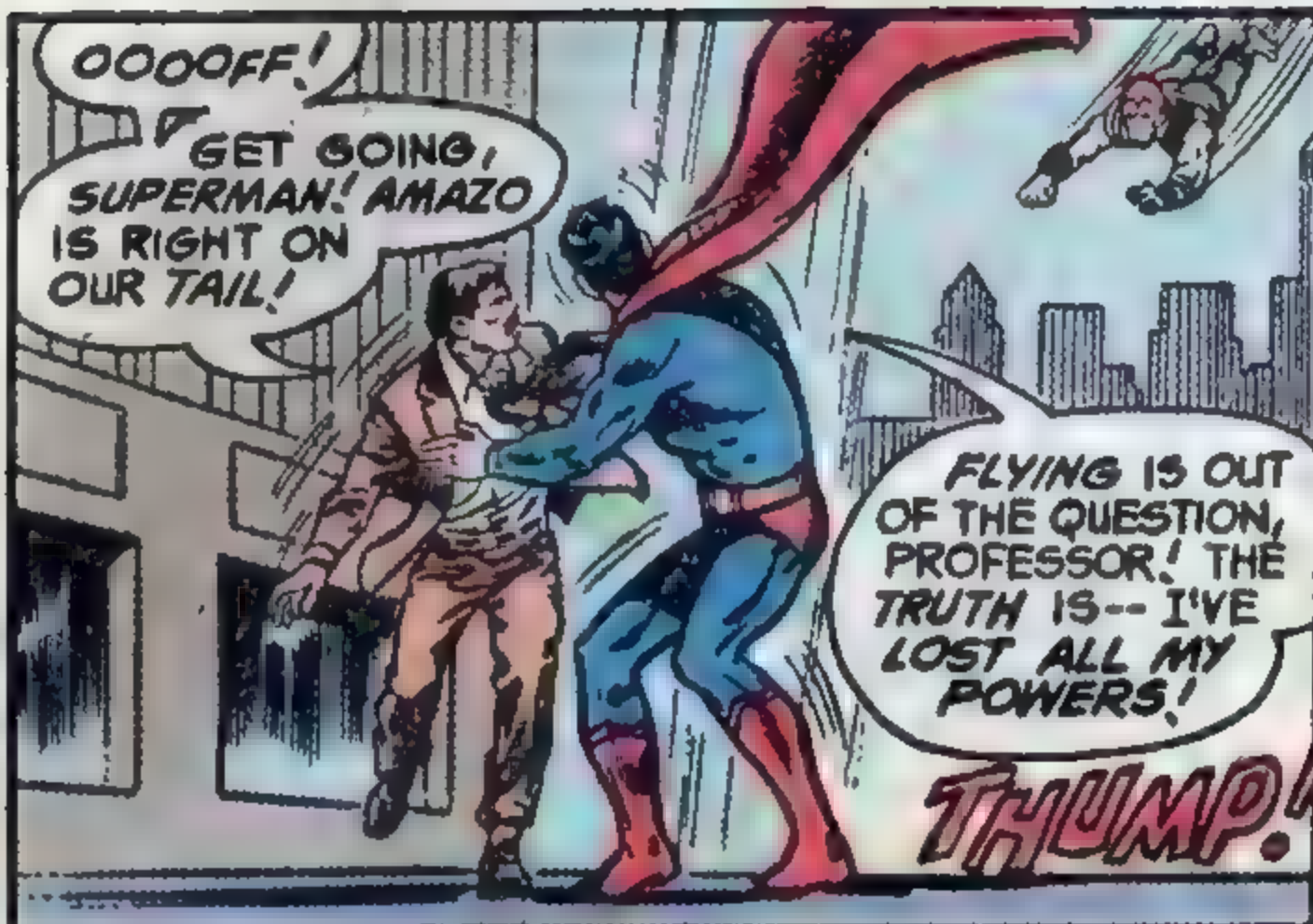
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As long as we've such faithful Readers.—E.N.B.

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Dear Editor:

When I went into ACTION #475 and 476 with the preconception that I would not like them, I was drawing from experience of the previous appearances of Vartox and Korb-Brak. Sorry to say, #475 left me uninspired and only reinforced my preconceived dislike of the storyline, #476, however, surprised me by offering a conclusion I actually enjoyed.

What, you ask, was so different? First, there was a minimal use of Korb-Brak, a character I care very little for. What use was made of him was to resolve the "fever" conflict, return him to his home, and, hopefully, eliminate him from future storylines.

Second, I enjoyed the camaraderie that seemed to exist between Superman, Vartox and the cured Korb-Brak. That super-fellowship, particularly with Vartox (a much better character than K-B) brings out an aspect of Superman's character not seen in his relationships with ordinary mortals (i.e., the opportunity to relate on an equal basis with someone who understands). This trait may be used in JLA and other appearances with different DC heroes, but it is used very little in his own magazine.

Finally, the side-effect of Vartox's cure was a real surprise and a valid plot-twist. I realize a lot of people believe Mr. Bates' plot twists are over-used and sometimes confusing, but neither criticism could be applied to ACTION #476. Vartox's role-transposition was an intriguing concept. It offered opportunities not only for conflict, but also for Superman to display his ingenuity. I was genuinely puzzled at first, but straightened out enough by page 16 to know where Lois had disappeared to.

Finally, and maybe more importantly, the issue offered a change of pace due to the absence of a supervillain. It was an enjoyable story idea, complete with guest-stars, which pitted Superman against a shift of circumstances rather than a world-conquering villain.

So there you have it! It was these factors which stood out, overcame my prejudices, and allowed me to appreciate a story I was sure I was going to hate. That's what I call excellent story-telling!

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Fantastic! And we didn't have to resort to threats or blackmail!—E.N.B.

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Dear Editor:

At last—a vintage Cary Bates story! Vartox's return was almost as well-done as the classic story that introduced him, and Korb-Brak came off looking far better than he did in his initial appearance. Part of the success of "The Attack of the Anti-Super-Hero" lay in the fact that Vartox's plan for restoring his powers, given what we knew about Korb-Brak, seemed perfectly logical, and not just a feeble plot device to bring the two aliens together.

But what made the story monumental was that, for the first time in almost a year, Superman came alive. Cary let his emotions surface instead of burying them in an all-action format. The result—Superman's grief at not acting in time to save Korb-Brak, his bewilderment when Vartox's story went awry and Korb confirmed it—made the story fresh and exciting reading. "Attack" was really a tribute to the humanness of Superman, just as his recognition of Vartox's weakness and the clever way to exploit it reaffirmed his peerlessness.

Lois Lane hasn't played such an active and vital role in Superman's crime-fighting life since Cary scripted her impersonation of Star Sapphire in SUPERMAN #261. She was in equally fine form here.

The Schaffenberger-Colletta artwork was also quite good. But the cover was another story. Besides giving the false impression that Superman was being weakened and held by Kryptonite, it also seemed to place a lot of emphasis on Lois' arm, of which most of the virtues aren't too apparent. And though the lady on page 4; panel 1 looked appropriately worried, Jimmy Olsen in the same pose on the cover just looked moronic. Oh, well—it was the inside material that counted.

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But after that criticism, maybe we should run for cover!  
—E. Nelson Bridwell.





# Publishorial

## "What's new at DC?" (a continuing series)

### firestorm

Ronnie Raymond is your basic teenager, interested in sports (but not too good at them), bright, shy around females, desperate to make and keep friends. He's handsome, but doesn't think so, since his good looks have evolved from an ungainly early adolescence.

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*FIRESTORM* is the brain-child of writer Gerry Conway and it, like every new title you'll be seeing from DC, is the result of many months of commitment, excitement, and hard work on the part of all concerned.

How does an idea like *FIRESTORM* make the extraordinary leap from its creator's mind onto the

pages of hundreds of thousands of comic books?

There are two basic ways that a comic book company can produce magazines for you. The first way is to generate ideas from the top. Someone in a position of authority says: "STAR WARS is really big. The public is hungry now for space opera. Let's either try to get a license for STAR WARS or, short of that, come out with a semi-science-fiction, inter-galactic battle book. If there's ever a time when that kind of book will sell, now is it."

If the right people are agreed, an editor puts together an artist-writer team and commissions them to come up with a comic that fits the bill.

There is, of course, a second way for a book to be conceived. A writer or an artist (or both) approaches an editor and says: "There's this idea I've been dying to do. I don't know what your publishing plans are or if there's a market for it or anything, but I think it's terrific. I want the chance to do it."

Well, that's the beginning of how we produce most comics at DC these days. We believe an idea that comes from a creator's deep personal enthusiasm carries with it an excitement and sincerity that cannot help but be communicated to the reader. In nine out of ten cases, we'd rather publish a comic book that originates with an artist or writer rather than one that we manufacture because the time seems right.

Still, there are many stages between the inception of an idea and its actual publication. So that we only publish those concepts to which we're truly committed, we've developed a pilot program through which every would-be creator must submit his work.

First, the creator must write an in-depth treatment which includes a

detailed description of all the characters, the nature of their interaction, a lengthy synopsis of the first story, and some idea of where future stories will go. Joe Orlando and I examine each one of these proposals. Some we reject out of hand, some we send back for revision, and a select few we designate to "go to pilot." When a treatment moves into the pilot stage, a writer is assigned an editor and creates a full script. For this script the writer is paid a bonus rate since it's always on a first story that you truly scramble your brains.

If we like the script, we choose who we think is the best artist for the project and pay for model sheets of all the characters and props. When they're approved, the artist pencils the story. When the story is finally drawn, Joe and I scrutinize the entire project. Is it a comic we'd like to read? If it is, we have it inked, lettered, and colored and go to press.

That's how *STAR HUNTERS*, David Michelinie's conception of a year and a half ago, was brought to you. That's how *FIRESTORM* was born. And that's how *STEEL*, a second new Gerry Conway project, came into being. *FIRESTORM* and *STEEL* debut this December. But keep a weather eye out for other original titles. Larry Hama's got a pilot going that's as wonderfully lunatic as *HOWARD THE DUCK*. And Paul Levitz has something cooking as does the team of Neal Adams and Mike Nasser.

Let us know what you think of them all.

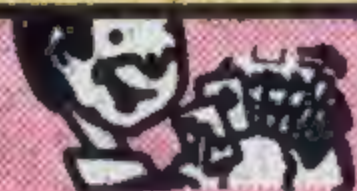
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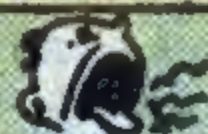


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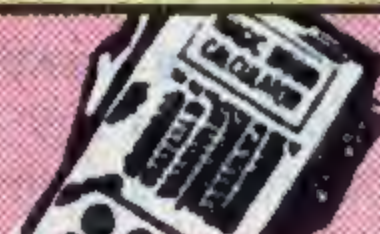
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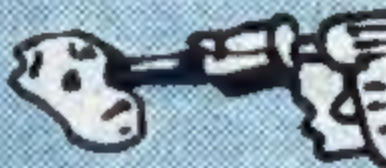
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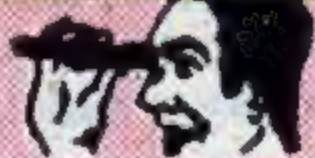
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